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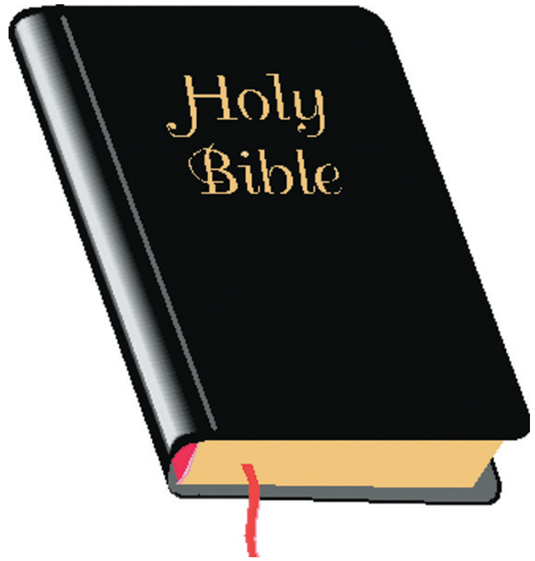

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FOOTBALL FEATURE

Rudi Saglam

THE SAGLAM DYNASTY

Now Young Rudi Flies The Flag

THE next few months hold the short-term key to Ridvan ('Rudi') Saglam's football career as the teenager hopes to win a youth contract with Melbourne Victory and an Australian Institute of Sport scholarship, in the process silencing the cynics who say that size matters.

Tommy Cumming and Peter Tsolakis carved memorable careers in the sport in this country and did so with ability and endeavour. Saglam is in the same mould and you'd be wasting your time trying to convince him that his lack of height will hold back his progress. He's both confident and thoughtful. Take this comment for example: "The best things that have happened to me are getting a VIS scholarship and getting a sports scholarship to Carey Grammar. That's (the Carey scholarship) all due to football so because of football I'm getting a better education." And he even had the temerity to recently suggest to VIS head coach Ian Greener that he needed to be challenged more to continue his development.

Hang on a minute. This lad's only 17. He's not supposed to be so insightful, is he? Then again, when you speak to Greener about Saglam you realise that the clear thought processes so precisely articulated off the pitch are carried onto it in game situations.

"He's our cleverest player," said Greener. "I brought him into the program after contacts pointed him out to me. I was not very impressed with the under-14s back then (three years ago) and in a sense he was outside the system but he's shown excellent game intelligence, commitment and enthusiasm. He's an outstanding talent. Rudi's worked very hard and has been one of our most consistent performers."

Greener's comment about Saglam being "outside the system" is pertinent. It proves that the VIS is capable of casting a net over an area far wider than just state junior representative territory. Thank goodness, for Saglam never featured in state sides prior to his invite to trial with the Institute.

His career kicked off as a five-year-old with local club Meadow Park. He played there for five years, mainly up front, then when he was 10 he joined Fawkner. David Norton was his coach in the under 11s and under 12s and Saglam says quite matter-of-factly: "We were the best team in Victoria. We went to Canberra and won the Kanga Cup. We beat a New Zealand club side 2–1 in the final and I set up one of the goals."

He switched to Essendon Royals at under-13 and under-14 levels under coach Anthony Boato. "I really developed under Anthony and I became one of their main players. I'd gone from a superstar team to a midtable team so I had a lot more responsibility at Essendon."

Always being on the cusp of state squad selection but regularly just missing out was frustrating but it didn't dampen his enthusiasm or drive and when he was offered two trial games with the VIS back in 2005 he jumped at the chance. "After the second game they said they'd get back in touch and let us know what was going on and even though I thought I had a ripper game I didn't think I'd get picked."

Rudi Saglam on the Foxtel Cup Under-21 competition: "It was much more of a challenge last year but I think I'm stepping above that level now." Photo: DARRYL KENNEDY.

But Saglam became one of three players offered VIS scholarships in his age group and his journey of football education and development had suddenly become a much steeper trek. But it was one he took to with relish.

"It was awesome from day one. You're training with under-14s then suddenly you're training alongside Spiranovic and Broxham and these guys. From the first session I found myself playing left back and I played in that position for almost two years. It was a great experience," said Saglam.

"I'm a much more versatile player now and playing in that position really developed the defensive side of my game."

This season he's spent much more game time further forward as the VIS side continues its impressive charge towards the Foxtel Cup Under-21 championship in just its second year in the competition. Saglam plays mainly in behind the strikers and takes 80 percent of the set pieces where his prized left foot does most damage, so far notching three goals. Last season the youngsters finished fifth, 11 points adrift of table-topping Melbourne Knights.

"It was much more of a challenge last year but I think I'm stepping above that level now. The competition is good and the training and the set-up with the VIS is very professional but I've told Ian Greener that I need to be challenged more."

Not bad coming from someone who trained regularly with Melbourne Victory last year and came on at half-time in Victory's trial match with Oakleigh. In his own words, "it was intimidating but I think I stepped up to the standard."

Saglam and his VIS teammates headed to the UK last November where they played against under-16 and youth teams from Everton (losing 3–1), Celtic (1–1), Gretna (2–2), Newcastle United (winning 6–0), Middlesbrough (winning 3–1) and Blackburn Rovers (3–3). He played well in the first game of the tour but suffered an ankle injury and missed the next two matches.

"Playing over there was unbelievable. I'd love to play overseas one day but I don't have a European passport and to be honest I'd like to make it here first. I'll know if I get into the AIS in the next few months and if I get offered a contract to play with Victory's youth team I'll accept it."

The man empowered to make the call regarding Victory's youths is Socceroo and South Melbourne legend Mehmet Durakovic, who assisted Greener at the VIS for the past few seasons.

"There's a group of us playing with Victory now in practice games but I don't really see it as trialling for Victory's youths because Mehmet's been our coach for almost three years and I think he's already got in his mind who he'll pick."

So now this precocious talent becomes the third generation of Saglams to make a significant contribution to football in Victoria over almost 40 years. Rudi's grandfather Abdullah came to Australia in 1970 and founded Anadoluspor, the Turkish seedling that sprouted into what is now Coburg United. Rudi's father Savas played for Brunswick Juventus, Polonia, Fawkner, Oakleigh, Frankston Pines, Holland Park and Coburg and had a four-month stint with Turkish and European giant Galatasaray. Savas Saglam has coached Albion, Coburg, Diamond Valley and Dandenong Thunder and is assisting Ken Murphy at Western Suburbs after previously assisting the former Socceroo at Fawkner and Essendon Royals. Rudi's uncle, Huseyin Saglam, had a decorated 10-year career as a player with Coburg and also captained the senior side.

But the weight of family expectation is unlikely to prove too tough to bear because Rudi Saglam is enjoying every minute of the ride, so much so that when asked to recall the worst thing that's happened to him in football, he couldn't thing of a single thing. That may be the brash naivety of youth or the power of positive thinking. Methinks the latter. And it's just such an approach that may carry this wee man to great heights in the sport. We're watching you, Rudi, with baited breath.

By Craig MacKenzie

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GLORY AND JETS SHARE POINTS IN CUP OPENER

Perth Glory 1
Newcastle Jets 1

Perth Glory and reigning Hyundai A-League champions Newcastle have fought out an entertaining 1-1 draw in their round one pre-season cup match at Hyundai Stadium in Mandurah.

In front of an enthusiastic home crowd of 3825 fans the Glory created several great chances through lively contributions across the park. Argentinean attacking midfielder Adrian Trinidad impressed in his first outing on Australian soil and put the Glory in front after 12 minutes from the penalty spot.

Trinidad was brought down in the box by two Jets defenders after latching onto a long cross near the goal line and referee Steven Gregory had no hesitation in pointing to the spot. Trinidad stepped up to take the kick and sent Newcastle custodian Ante Covic the wrong way to open his Glory goal account.

Midfielder Adriano Pellegrino almost doubled Perth's score five minutes later but was denied by a great reflex save from Covic.

The visitors were back on level terms after 36 minutes when the ball fell to Jets captain Noel Spencer from a corner kick and he managed to deflect it under a Glory defender on the goal line.

The match gathered pace in the second half as the Glory grew in confidence and the home side was unlucky not to take back the lead with several good chances on goal.

Coach Dave Mitchell's promise to experiment during the match saw Dino Djulbic positioned at left back and the big defender took on the challenge with gusto. He surged forward on several occasions and had two shots denied late in the second half. The first attempt forced a diving save from Covic while the second just went wide of the upright.

At the other end the Glory defence looked solid with veteran keeper Jason Petkovic in fine form as he continued his comeback from a broken leg while the twin towers of David Tarka and Hayden Foxe gained more valuable time together on the pitch.

"It was a tough game and exactly what we were looking for," said Glory Coach Dave Mitchell.

"I felt we settled more as the match went on and were probably unlucky not to have snuck in a late goal. There is still plenty of work ahead before the season proper but I'm very happy with what I saw and we're definitely on the right track," Mitchell said.

Glory will play their second pre-season cup match at home next Saturday night when Melbourne Victory come to Members Equity Stadium, kick-off at 6.30pm.

Perth Glory 1 (Trinidad 12')
Newcastle Jets 1 (Spencer 36')
Hyundai Stadium, Mandurah

Crowd: 3825

Perth Glory: 1.Jason PETKOVIC (gk), 3.David TARKA, 4.Jamie COYNE, 6.Dino DJULBIC, 8.James ROBINSON, 9.Adrian TRINIDAD (19.Naum SEKULOVSKI 75'), 15.Hayden DOYLE, 16.Adriano PELLEGRINO (24.Anthony SKORICH), 17.James DOWNEY, 18.Hayden FOXE, 21.Mark LEE

Substitutes not used: 20.Frank JURIC (gk)
Yellow Cards: Dino DJULBIC 45'
Red Cards: nil

Newcastle Jets: 1.Ante COVIC, 8.Matt THOMPSON, 9.Joel GRIFFITHS (19.Jason NAIDOVSKI 62'), 10.Jin-Hyung SONG (7.Kaz PATAFTA 78'), 11.Tarek ELRICH, 12.Jobe WHEELHOUSE (25.Jarrod ROSS 88'), 13.Adam D'APUZZO, 15.Jason HOFFMAN, 17.Antun KOVACIC, 18.Noel SPENCER, 24.Beau BUSCH

Substitutes not used: 20.Ben KENNEDY (gk)
Yellow Cards: Jobe WHEELHOUSE 13', Matt THOMPSON 33'
Red Cards: nil

LATE STRIKE SINKS VICTORY

Melbourne Victory 1
Adelaide United 2

A late strike from Brazilian import Cristiano saw Adelaide United record a 2-1 win against Melbourne Victory in Round 1 of the 2008 Pre-Season Cup at Aurora Stadium, Launceston.

Ney Fabiano scored early for Victory, before Cristiano equalised in the first half and then secured three points for Adelaide in the dying stages.

4720 fans braved the chilly conditions to witness a lively and entertaining contest, which saw Ney Fabiano put Victory in front with a forceful header from close range on eight minutes.

Nick Ward crossed the ball to Ney Fabiano, who manoeuvred himself around Robert Cornthwaite and guided the ball past former Victory goalkeeper Eugene Galekovic.

Victory could have extended its lead on numerous occasions, with Evan Berger coming closest when he almost connected with a Danny Allsopp pass before colliding with Galekovic.

Adelaide worked its way back into the contest and equalised on 32 minutes when Scott Jamieson crossed into the penalty area, ensuring a goalmouth scramble that resulted in Cristiano scoring from point-blank range.

Victory looked to regain the lead throughout the second half with Allsopp and Ney Fabiano continuing to challenge Galekovic, while at the other end Mitchell Langerak, who replaced Michael Theoklitos following the break, had few saves to make.

Ney Fabiano almost sealed a late win for Victory when he headed into the crossbar, before Adelaide secured the win when a long ball found Cristiano, who struck cleanly past Langerak.

"I was very disappointed with the result, bitterly disappointed," Victory Coach Ernie Merrick said.

"I know we had eight players out, but we expected to win that game and to be honest, I thought the boys did well enough to win it.

"We had three starting outstanding debuts and we've got three very good players in young Evan Berger, Ney Fabiano and Michael Thwaite, who was rock solid.

"We kept conceding corner kicks and it was about the sixth one that just fell to one of their players and it was a toe poke in.

"In the second half, Mitch punched the ball twice from a cross and corner kick and there was nothing until the last minute.

"Ney Fabiano's terrific header from the free kick hits and crossbar and they go down the other end and score, so that was pretty hard for the boys to take, they're gutted."

Victory, which is likely to include Costa Rican international Jose Luis Lopez, will now focus on its next Pre-Season Cup fixture against Perth Glory at Members Equity Stadium on Saturday, 26 July.

Melbourne Victory 1 (Ney Fabiano 8')
Adelaide United 2 (Cristiano 32', 90')
Sunday, 20 July 2008
Aurora Stadium, Launceston, Tasmania
Referee: Ben Williams
Crowd: 4720

Melbourne Victory: 1.Michael THEOKLITOS (gk) (20.Mitchell LANGERAK (gk) 46'), 3.Michael THWAITE, 4.Steven PACE (6.Steve PANTELIDIS 87'), 5.Sebastian RYALL, 7.Matthew KEMP, 9.Danny ALLSOPP, 11.NEY FABIANO, 12.Rodrigo VARGAS (Captain), 15.Tom PONDELJAK (13.Nathan ELASI 72'), 19.Evan BERGER, 22.Nick WARD

Substitutes not used: 24.Semir SIVIC
Yellow cards: Danny Allsopp 42', Ney Fabiano 49'

Adelaide United: 2.Robert CORNTHWAITE, 3.ALEMAO, 4.Angelo COSTANZO, 6.CASSIO, 9.Paul AGOSTINO (5.Michael VALKANIS 78'), 10.CRISTIANO, 13.Travis DODD (Captain), 14.Scott JAMIESON (18.Fabian BARBIERO 69'), 15.Jonas SALLEY (21.Jason SPAGNUOLO 69'), 20.Eugene GALEKOVIC (gk), 22.DIEGO

Substitutes not used: 30.Mark BIRIGHITTI (gk)
Yellow cards: Angelo Costanzo 46', Alemao 52', Travis Dodd 84'

PHOENIX BURY BOGEY TEAM

Wellington Phoenix 1
Central Coast Mariners 0

IT'S taken five attempts but the Wellington Phoenix have finally broke their hoodoo against the Central Coast Mariners, beating the Hyundai A-League 2007/08 premiers 1-0 in a 2008 Pre-Season Cup clash in Wellington on Sunday.

The Wellington team had previously lost all four encounters with the Mariners but buried their bogey team 1-0 with an impressive all-round performance at Westpac Stadium. A well-taken headed goal by Brazilian whiz Daniel made the difference – the goal especially emotional for the Wellington fans' favourite after the recent death of his grandfather.

On the far post as Leo Bertos bamboozled the Mariners' defence and sent in a pinpoint cross, Daniel nodded the ball past impressive Mariners goalkeeper Danny Vukovic to break the deadlock in the 72nd minute and thrill the 4853-strong crowd.

It was just reward for the Phoenix, who dominated throughout and could well have scored several more but for the lack of a killer instinct in the first half in particular and the heroics of Vukovic.

Phoenix head coach Ricki Herbert was pleased with the result but not reading too much into it.

"For the players it's great. They've worked hard for three months and the performance was probably a fair result for us and a good indication of where we're at three weeks out from the start of the league.

"It is only a pre-season match but the signs are encouraging. Admittedly our conversion rate wasn't flash but the number of opportunities we manufactured was pleasing. I wouldn't mind getting that many chances against them in a league fixture."

The Phoenix used the roving trio of Daniel, Leilei Gao and Bertos in behind lone striker Shane Smeltz and the experiment yielded positive results, with a swag of clear-cut scoring chances created.

"I thought they were very good," Herbert said. "When you get them on the ball with their pace and their ability to get at defenders they can cause problems. This was the first real test for those three guys together but the signs are encouraging."

Another pleasing aspect of the match for the Phoenix was the performance of their new back four – skipper Andrew Durante, fellow centre back Jon McKain, left back Tony Lochhead and right back Vince Lia.

Durante said the Phoenix's defensive frailties from season one in the Hyundai A-League had motivated the team to tighten things up at the back this season. Outside of a couple of half-chances for the Mariners, the Phoenix's back four was mostly untroubled.

"We've put the emphasis at training on defence and we've worked hard on that. I think the combinations we have at the back are excellent."

Daniel scoring the winner was a special moment for the Phoenix.

"We wanted to make this game a special one," Durante said. "Daniel's grandfather passed away recently and Daniel had a few words to the team before the game that really lifted the boys. It was fantastic that he scored the goal."

The Phoenix's next 2008 Pre-Season Cup match is against the Queensland Roar at Stockland Park on the Sunshine Coast on Sunday, July 27.

Wellington Phoenix 1 (Daniel 72')
Central Coast Mariners 0
Date: Sunday 20 July 2008
Venue: Westpac Stadium, Wellington
Referee: Michael Hester
Crowd: 4853

Wellington Phoenix: 3. Tony LOCHHEAD, 4. Jon McKAIN, 5. Karl DODD, 7. Leo BERTOS, 9. Shane SMELTZ, 10. Michael FERRANTE, 11. DANIEL, 17. Vince LIA (13. Troy HEARFIELD 46'), 20. Glen MOSS (gk), 21. Leilei GAO (8, Vaughan COVENY 88'), 24. Andrew DURANTE (captain).

Substitutes not used: 1. Mark PASTON (gk), 12. Richard JOHNSON.

Yellow cards: Troy Hearfield 75', Karl Dodd 83').

Central Coast Mariners: 2. Andre GUMPRECHT, 5. Bradley PORTER, 7. John HUTCHINSON, 8. Dean HEFFERNAN (25. Nik MRDJA 78'), 10. Adrian CACERES, 11. Dylan MacALLISTER, 15. Andrew CLARK, 17. Matthew OSMAN (24. David D'APUZZO 68'), 18. Alex WILKINSON, 20. Danny VUKOVIC (gk), 22. Sasho PETROVSKI.

Substitutes not used: 21. Ahmad ELRICH, 30. Andrew REDMAYNE (gk).

Yellow cards: Andrew Clark 22', Dylan MacAllister 59'.

LATE GOAL SEALS SYDNEY VICTORY

Sydney FC 2
Queensland Roar 1

Sydney FC staged a dramatic second-half comeback to defeat the dangerous Queensland Roar 2-1 in the opening round of the 2008 A-League Pre-Season Cup at Campbelltown Sports Stadium on Saturday night.

After a scoreless first half the match came to life as the side's traded goals shortly after the re-start.

The match turned in Sydney's favour in the 57th minute when Roar midfielder Hyuk-Su Seo was red-carded for his challenge on striker Alex Brosque.

Defender Mitchell Prentice's ensuing free-kick found the top-right corner of the net to hand the hosts a 2-1 advantage and a perfect start to the Pre-Season Cup.

The Roar were made to pay for a multitude of missed chances in the opening stanza but despite the loss showed plenty of promise in an entertaining clash with their bitter rivals.

Serginho Van Dijk's fizzing third-minute strike set the tone as Sydney FC custodian Clint Bolton was called into action early.

Making his 100th appearance for the Sydney siders in official competition the veteran responded with a sharp save to deny the Roar a dream start.

A minute later Tim Smits found space inside the host's penalty box but could not capitalise on a pinpoint cross pushing his volley well right of the target.

Teenage sensation Chris Payne had the first half-chance for the hosts but his audacious over-head flick was fielded safely by Liam Reddy.

The Roar continued to pepper the Sydney defence but despite their clear dominance could not find the back of the net.

Sydney's best chance arrived in the 24th minute when Prentice unleashed a powerful volley from the edge of the box only to be denied by a classic save from Reddy.

Van Dijk and Massimo Murdocca both came agonisingly close in the latter stages of the half but the sides remained locked at 0-0 at the interval.

The Roar broke the deadlock four minutes into the second-half when the dangerous Van Dijk received the ball on the edge of the box, pivoted towards the goal and delivered a clinical finish for the opening goal.

But the host's response was swift as Payne - playing his first official match for the inaugural A-League champions - converted from close range to draw level.

After losing a man and conceding a second goal in the space of five minutes the Roar continued to attack, but despite their best efforts failed to snatch a late equaliser as the host's defence held firm to secure a valuable three points.

Sydney FC 2 (Payne, Prentice)
Queensland Roar 1 (Van Dijk)

Crowd: 4,222 at Campbelltown Sports Stadium

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GROUP A

	W	D	L	PTS
Adelaide	1	0	0	3
Perth	0	1	0	1
Jets	0	1	0	1
Victory	0	0	1	0

GROUP B

	W	D	L	PTS
Sydney	1	0	0	3
Phoenix	1	0	0	3
Roar	0	0	1	0
Mariners	0	0	1	0

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FFV Awards Points to Preston

As reported in last week's Goal! Weekly, Heidelberg United has been docked of their Foxtel Cup Round 17 match win points, after the FFV Tribunal awarded a 3-0 win to Preston Lions following a successful appeal by the Connor Reserve club.

Preston's protest was based on the grounds that Heidelberg had fielded a suspended player, Dennis Alilovic, for the fixture which the Bergers had won 2-0 at Olympic Village.

Alilovic had received a fifth yellow card during Heidelberg's previous week's fixture against the AIS in Canberra and was due to for a suspension. However, the particular match to be missed by Alilovic was yet to be determined in the week leading up to the Preston match.

According to Heidelberg, club officials visited the FFV's Darebin offices on three occasions during the week (on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) to enquire on Alilovic's availability. On each occasion they were told that documentation from the AIS v Heidelberg match had not been lodge as yet.

Heidelberg's gripe is that the rules of the competition state, that a commissioner must submit the Match Commissioner's Report Form no more than 30 minutes after a game has been completed – come Thursday and five days after the game was played, the club was still awaiting for paperwork to be lodged from the Canberra game.

However, Football Federation Victoria Chief Executive Officer Mark Rendell stated, " The Match Commissioner's report is not the official Match Report, and it's not until the referee's report is received that any action can be taken. The Commissioner's Report is for the purpose of collating results and mustn't be confused with the Referee's Match Report."

On Friday afternoon an email from the FFV was sent to Heidelberg notifying the club that Alilovic was ineligible for the weekend's upcoming match against Preston. According to Heidelberg the email was missed by officials because the person who would normally receive the club emails (a work email address), had the day off work that particular Friday.

Rendell was asked to give a FFV perspective on the decision, "I don't know all the fine details of it, but the bottom line is that the rules of competition state that if a club is notified by email, in writing or via fax, 24 hours before that match, then that player is to miss that match. On this occasion, Heidelberg received the email on Friday afternoon because the paperwork from Canberra from Heidelberg's previous match obviously took longer than you would hope to come back in. Ultimately, the email was sent out and the rules were followed. Heidelberg obviously, as is their right, disputed the process and took it to tribunal and also to appeal. But, the process is very independent now at the tribunal and the appeals board and independent people have reviewed the facts twice and maintained that the FFV followed the rules, and Heidelberg played the player who wasn't eligible for that weekend. The bottom line is the rules are quite clear, whether or not the email was read by Heidelberg or not, was up to Heidelberg. It's up to every club to check the club email addresses before any games. "

Asked about the visits by officials to FFV offices, "I wasn't privy to any of those occasions, but the bottom line was that if they came in to Darebin and there was no paper work, then there's nothing to say until we receive the paperwork. "

Relegation Clarified

Meanwhile, rumours have been running rife in recent weeks that the Foxtel Cup was to alter the amount of teams to be relegated at the end of the season.

In order to clarify the situation for all concerned, and especially for clubs that are involved in genuine relegation battles, Goal! Weekly spoke to the FFV's CEO Mark Rendell to obtain an official response. "It is the same as it were for season 2007, which was 4 down and 2 up, which would take the VPL back to a 12 team competition. After speaking to many people twelve seems to be the right number which we believe will make the Premier league more viable and make the quality of it higher."

" It's something that has been on the drawing board, since my appointment here actually, to have the commitment revert back to a 12 team Premier League. The rules are quite clear and nothing has been changed with the promotion/ relegation rules."

Asked about the future of the AIS in the VPL, Rendell replied, "We're in dialogue now with the FFA about plans for 2009 and what their views are. We've got the views of the club and once we've got all the stakeholders consulted, the boards will make a decision on the format and if the AIS will be in the competition or not. There's a lot of things to take into consideration; the new national youth league, their new coach and his views on how the squad should be prepared, the good things, the bad things – the same process was taken at the end of last year. Once that's all completed we'll be able to make a decision. "

DALE WHITE SACKED

McKenna, Match Commitee Also Sacked

DIVISION Two South-East outfit Casey Comets became embroiled in controversy last week when senior coach Dale White and assistant Andy McKenna were sacked and the club's match committee disbanded in acrimonious circumstances.

Club president Charlie Branca would not comment when contacted on Sunday morning, a day after caretaker coach Terry Saunders had seen his charges go down to 10 men in the 23rd minute but still defeat visitor Knox City 4–2.

"No, no, no, I'm not talking about these things. You can contact Jim Wilson if you like. He's our media man and he's taking calls on this matter all day today," said Branca.

So we contacted Wilson and put three questions to him only to be greeted with a polite "no comment' on every occasion. Wilson also said that "there are things to do with the committee that I'm not prepared to discuss outside the club."

It was a different matter when we contacted White who was philosophical about the situation, saying "this is the first time I've been sacked. I guess it had to happen sometime." White outlined the circumstances surrounding the shock move.

"About three or four weeks ago certain members of the committee wanted to talk to me about coaching next year but I wanted to see out the season first. I was surprised when I got a call last Tuesday from the president telling me to be at the club at 5.45am for a meeting," said White.

"There were three members of the committee present. I got asked a few questions and I answered them. It's no secret that I've wanted a striker for a while but a lack of club finances made getting one difficult.

"Charlie then said to me that he and his vice-president had made a decision (to change the coaching set-up) and that it was final. As far as I understand this wasn't a decision taken by the full committee."

White phoned McKenna who was on his way to training and told him not to bother turning up as they'd been sacked.

White, Wilson and Doug Williams formed the club's match committee and according to White, Williams was livid when he discovered what had taken place.

"Doug didn't even get the courtesy of a phone call to say what was going on. He had a few words to say about that and there's no match committee now.

"I don't think it's any secret that there was a personality clash between me and the president. We just didn't see eye to eye."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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FOXTEL CUP STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights	21	11	9	1	40	21	42
Green Gully Cavaliers	21	11	8	2	33	13	41
Altona Magic	21	10	7	4	32	24	37
Heidelberg Utd	21	9	7	5	31	24	34
Oakleigh Cannons	20	9	6	5	23	16	33
Richmond	21	9	5	7	49	29	32
A.I.S	21	9	4	8	35	29	31
South Melbourne	21	8	3	10	30	27	27
Coburg Utd	21	8	3	10	26	31	27
Preston Lions	20	8	3	9	27	37	27
Whittlesea Zebras	20	5	7	8	26	28	22
Western Suburbs	20	4	6	10	19	31	18
Fawkner Blues	21	4	3	14	18	52	15
Frankston Pines	21	3	3	15	14	41	12

RESULTS

Frankston Pines	1 - 1	Richmond Eagles
Coburg United	2 - 0	Fawkner Blues
AIS	2 - 1	Preston Lions
Heidelberg United	3 - 2	Altona Magic
South Melbourne	2 - 2	Melbourne Knights
Whittlesea Zebras	0 - 1	Western Suburbs
Oakleigh Cannons	0 - 0	Green Gully Cavaliers

UNDER 21 DETAILS

Frankston Pines 0 Richmond 3, V.I.S 2 Preston Lions 2, Coburg Utd 2 Fawkner Blues 0, South Melbourne 0 Melbourne Knights 1, Heidelberg Utd 1 Altona Magic 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers	20	14	2	4	34	15	44
V.I.S	21	11	7	3	39	17	40
Richmond	21	13	0	8	44	25	39
Melbourne Knights	21	10	6	5	27	28	36
Preston Lions	20	9	6	5	30	19	33
Coburg Utd	21	10	3	8	35	30	33
Oakleigh Cannons	19	8	5	6	21	17	29
Fawkner Blues	19	8	3	8	22	25	24
Western Suburbs	19	7	5	7	24	24	23
Whittlesea Zebras	19	7	2	10	31	36	23
Altona Magic	21	7	2	12	21	32	23
Frankston Pines	21	6	2	13	14	26	20
South Melbourne	21	4	5	12	15	36	17
Heidelberg Utd	21	2	4	15	19	46	10

THE TOP MARKSMEN

Player	Matches	Goals
Cardozo, Pablo Richmond SC	18	15
Barisic, Andrew Melbourne Knights	19	14
Curcija, Michael Altona Magic SC	20	12
Naidovski, Jason A.I.S	13	12
Cardozo, Richard Richmond SC	19	10
Lagana, Frankie M Oakleigh Cannons	16	10
Karpeh, Jerry Whittlesea Zebras	20	9
Nikolic, Joel Green Gully	19	9
Danning, Kofi D A.I.S	20	8
Sapazovski, Johnny Preston Lions SC	18	7
Catalano, Michael Richmond SC	20	6
De Moraes, Fernando South Melbourne	20	7
Krncevic, Jesse J Richmond SC	20	6

ROUND 22 FIXTURES

RICHMOND EAGLES
V
HEIDELBERG UTD
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Fri 25 Jul KO 8:15PM

ALTONA MAGIC
V
COBURG UTD
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Sat 26 Jul KO 6:30PM

FRANKSTON PINES
V
WHITTLESEA ZEBRAS
Monterey Reserve
Sat 26 Jul KO 8:00PM

FAWKNER BLUES
V
SOUTH MELBOURNE
CB Smith Reserve
Sun 27 Jul KO 3:00PM

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS
V
OAKLEIGH CANNONS
Knights Stadium
Sun 27 Jul KO 3:00PM

WESTERN SUBURBS
V
PRESTON LIONS
Ralph Reserve
Sun 27 Jul KO 3:00PM

A.I.S
V
GREEN GULLY
Queen Elizabeth Oval
Bendigo
Sun 27 Jul KO 5:00PM

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WHITTLESEA ZEBRAS

0 - 1

WESTERN SUBURBS

SUBURBS SNATCH SIX POINTER

Zebras Dragged Deep Into Dog Fight

Late substitute Reno Damianou scored an 87th minute winner as an unfancied Western Suburbs outfit overcame fellow stragglers Whittlesea Zebras in dramatic fashion at Epping Soccer Stadium.

The youngster's second goal of the season may yet prove invaluable in Suburbs' desperate bid to avoid relegation, as they now climb to within three points of safety with just five games remaining.

Whittlesea were dealt a cruel blow early on when powerful front man Jerry Karpeh was forced to leave the field with a suspected ankle injury, leaving the home side short of some much-needed firepower.

It took until the 13th minute before either side could fashion a genuine chance on goal, and it came after some fine work from Zebras defender Adilson De Melo, who charged his way into the box before cutting the ball back for Ryan O'Hare, but his tame strike ultimately failed to trouble Marijo Bosnjak in goal.

Despite losing the talismanic Karpeh, Whittlesea continued to create chances, and they conjured up another after Anthony Colosimo's right wing cross found De Melo bearing down on goal, but he placed his header wide.

Suburbs were themselves presented with a great opportunity in the 30th minute after Tomi Razov found himself within striking distance, but his shot was ably blocked by Whittlesea's Mark Vazzocchi. Serkan Oksuz then failed to capitalise on an impressive run just minutes later, beating three Whittlesea defenders before shooting high and wide.

It wasn't long before Goran Talevski found his way through a packed Suburbs defence with a darting run and powerful shot that forced a fine save from Bosnjak in the 34th minute. The visitors were fortunate not to concede shortly thereafter when Talevski's free kick forced Suburbs defender Eddie Cetkin into a desperate header that almost hit the back of his own net, but further heroics from Bosnjak ensured both sides went in even at the break.

Whittlesea had a lively start to the second half, and Ross Antoniadis almost opened the scoring in the 54th minute after his thumping header beat the outstretched arms of Bosnjak before crashing into the underside of the crossbar and failing to cross the line.

The Zebras were left to rue another golden chance just two minutes later after substitute Simon Lamanda missed from point blank range. Bosnjak had parried the ball into the striker's path after a long-range effort from De Melo, but incredibly, Lamanda scooped the ball over the crossbar from just four yards out.

Suburbs should have scored against the run of play when Arthur Tsonis rose above his marker to send a looping header towards goal, but a remarkable save from Ken Gerochristodoulou denied the visitors. The Whittlesea 'keeper would prove the hero again a minute later, producing another brilliant save to deny Oksuz after he broke free of the Zebras defence.

A disastrous piece of defending from Whittlesea's Mark Pistininzi almost gifted Suburbs a goal in the 78th minute after he allowed the ball to pass through his legs directly into the path of Dimitri Hatzimouratis, but the young striker dallied on the ball, allowing Gerochristodoulou enough time to close him down and block his close-range shot.

The game appeared to be heading for a 0-0 draw until Suburbs' luck finally changed, with Damianou producing a cool finish to net past a brave Gerochristodoulou.

By Dave Kristy

Photos by Daniel Flis

Suburbs' Lorenz Kidtner tries to evade a tackle from Whittlesea's Simon Lamanda during the relegation battle at Epping Stadium on Sunday

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COBURG UNITED

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FAWKNER BLUES

COBURG BRUISES THE BLUES

Rain Pours Down On Embattled Fawkner

Coburg United picked up a crucial three points on Saturday night defeating Fawkner Blues by 2 goals to nil.

In what was a dull game for the most part, Coburg's sharpness and creativity up front was the difference, Fawkner were awful upfront failing to create any real chances and time and time again losing the ball in the final third. The fact Fawkner were missing play-makers Jose Vasquez, Yianni Galanos and Samoan international goalkeeper Pasi Schwalger didn't help the embattled Blues. Coming into Saturday the match seemed like a mismatch as Coburg were coming off one of the upsets of the season last week as they defeated the previously unbeaten Melbourne Knights 1-0 while in contrast Fawkner was coming off a 6-0 belting by Heidelberg United.

Coburg started the better in the game winning a series of corners, one of them was almost converted when Ross Thompson got a head to the ball but his header was sent wide of the Fawkner goal. Fawkner slowly worked their way back into the game and created their best chance of the match when the ball fell to the Blues striker at the top corner of the 6-yard box, his shot was met with a brilliant finger tip save from Kovar. The Blues would rue that missed chance as Coburg started to take control of the match. The home team were looking more dangerous creating more meaningful attacks. Coburg took the lead in the 13th minute thanks to a brilliant shot from Anthony Magnacca, the ball was played off to the former Gold Medal winner about 25 yards out and he blasted a low hard shot into the bottom left hand corner. The remainder of the first half saw little goal mouth action with both teams struggling in the blustery conditions. It remained 1-0 at half time.

The second half started with Fawkner firing early as they knew they needed something out of this match. Despite their midfield domination they just couldn't break down the resilient Coburg defence. Fawkner also equalised when a stunning shot from 35 yards out cannoned into the cross bar. It seemed that was Fawkner's only chance of scoring, from long range efforts. It seemed that Coburg weather the Fawkner storm early on as they started to attack them selves, and the storm had just started for the Blues both metaphorically and in reality as the rain started coming down at Knights Stadium. Coburg sealed the game in the 80th minute when veteran Tansel Baser was put through one on one thanks to a lovely through ball, Baser then used all his experience when he calmly chipped the advancing Fiorenza. It was 2-0 for Coburg and game over of Fawkner.

The result means Coburg now look like their Foxtel Cup status for season 2009 is looking good while the same cannot be said for Fawkner. For the Blues to have any chance of surviving the drop they need their full squad back on the park. Coburg can now look forward to travelling to Paisley Park to face Alton Magic while Fawkner are at home to South Melbourne.

Coburg United
Line Up: Kovar, Kovacevic, Baser, Beni (Sumbul 82'), Thompson, Pir, Tichy, Nastevski, Vlahos, Magnacca (Davani 88'), Lazarevski (Josifovski 60')

Goals: Magnacca 13', Baser 80'

Yellow Cards: Beni 33', Nastevski 70'

Red Cards: none

Fawkner Blues
Line Up: Fiorenza, Anifaloyin, Rocco, Tuck (Bazzano 85'), Principato, Alibeyi (Gogger 74'), Youssef, Chillico, Greechan, Zilic, Juric (Masic 79')

Goals: none

Yellow Cards: none

Red Cards: none

Man of the Match: Thompson (Coburg United)

Crowd: 600

By Michal Skrodsky
Photo by Daniel Flis

It appears like Fawkner's Ricky Chillico is on the wrong end of a yellow card, but it is actually being awarded to Coburg's Brendan Beni, who is partly obscured behind the referee

Coburg's revival continues under new coach Goran Lozanovski, as Anthony Magnacca opens the scoring much to the pleasure of team-mate Ross Thompson

FRANKSTON PINES

1 - 1

RICHMOND EAGLES

EAGLES LEAVE IT LATE

Pines A Kick Away From Causing Upset

Friday night Foxtel Cup football at Frankston saw the Pines host Richmond on a bitterly cold night.

The home side's revival under former Richmond mentor Doug Hodgson had given themselves some hope of top flight survival. A recent form slump left the Michael Chatzitrifonos-led Eagles clinging to a spot in the Top Six as the business end of the season approached. Pines were missing another former Eagle, in defender Jason Dimozantos. Skipper Stuart McCluskey was absent from the Richmond defence through suspension.

The visitors started strongly, Michael Catalano getting into the box after Pablo Cardozo flicked a wall pass back to him on the left but shooting just wide with his right foot. Four minutes later Pablo Cardozo was on target for the Eagles, but was denied a goal by an excellent save from Peter Zois.

Semir Sivic, returning from injury, was showing promising signs for Richmond, and in the ninteenth minute another of his crosses was cleared only as far as Jesse Krncevic on the right side of the penalty area. Krncevic cut back into the box and got a shot away with flew wide of the post. Catalano chipped over the crossbar from twenty-two yards five minutes later, when picking up the loose ball following a long throw from Noel Bahnsen. Shortly after Marco Kuck took the ball over the halfway line soming out of defence and floated in a ball up the middle which Krncevic put wide with a flicked header.

In the twenty-ninth minute Craig Smart went close for the home side, shooting wide after latching on to the ball after it had been knocked down in the box after a free-kick. Two minutes later Pines took the lead. A clearance up the middle caught the Richmond defence square, Tom Saad racing clear. Stuart Webster had come off his line to the corner of the area but the pace of Saad saw him easily round the keeper to the outside, regain the ball and steady to stroke it into the ungaurded net.

A crude challenge by Danny Black on Krncevic saw him booked in the thirty-third minute after the Richmond striker had knocked the ball past him near the clubroom side touchline.

Zois produced another brilliant save to deny George Goutzioulis late in the half. When the break came, it was the Pines who maintained their 1-0 lead.

An expected early charge from Richmond failed to materialise when play resumed. It wasn't until the fifty-eighth minute that there was any goalmouth action, Krncevic heading wide when trying to re-direct a shot from Catalano. A minute later all the action was in the goalmouth when Zois spilled a cross with Pablo Cardozo bearing in on him. Cardozo swung for the ball as Zois regathered it, sparking a melee which saw Trent Malcolm pick up his second yellow card of the game to leave the Pines with just ten men.

A strong run from Richie Cardozo on the left in the sixty-eighth minute saw him eventually cut into the box where he was felled on the top left corner but referee Jim Zafirou waved the penalty claims away, Goutzioulis shooting wide when picking up the ball in the aftermath.

With ten minutes remaining, a cross from Richie Cardozo on the right saw Pablo Cardozo drift in behind a defender to try and cushion a header under the crossbar. The superb Zois dived backwards to tip the ball over and keep his side in front as weight of numbers saw Richmond dominate the latter stages of the game. After a cross from Richie Cardozo was cleared in the eighty-fifth minute, Zoran Cvetkovski threaded the ball to Pablo Cardozo back in the middle of the box. Cardozo had his ankle clipped as he tried to turn and shoot, drawing a penalty for the away side.

Goutzioulis stepped up to take the spot-kick, and his effort to low the right was saved by Zois as the referee blew to order a re-take. This time Pablo Cardozo stepped up to the spot, and converted to put Richmond on level terms. A cross from Sivic saw Krncevic slide a shot from an angle at Zois with time running out. In the dying stages of the game Latinopoulos played in Goutzioulis inside him, who raced towards the penalty area, beat a man on the outside and fired in a shot which Zois had covered to ensure both sides would share a point from the contest.

Frankston Pines' James Reichnein tries to do a version of Maradona's "Hand of God" over Richmond's Stuart Webster

Action from the draw between Frankston Pines and Richmond Eagles

Frankston: P.Zois, P.Hawkins (A.Fadljevic 87'), D.Black, T.Malcolm, S.Booysen, A.Skledar, J.Reichnein, S.Mur, T.Saad (L.Jenkins 59'), C.Metcalfe (M.Morris-Thomas 90').

Goal: Saad 32'

Yellow Cards: Black 33' Malcolm 52'

Red Cards: Malcolm 60'

Richmond: S.Webster, D.Tsiaras, J.Krncevic, S.Sivic, G.Goutzioulis, R.Cardozo, P.Cardozo, M.Catalano, Z.Cvetkovski, N.Bahnsen (J.Latinopoulos 59') , M.Kuck.

Goal: P.Cardozo 87'

Yellow Cards: Goutzioulis 56' P.Cardozo 59'

Red Cards: None

Man of the Match: Peter Zois (Frankston Pines)

Venue: Monterey Reserve
Crowd: 100

By Mark Boric

Photo by Darryl Kennedy

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PRESTON LIONS

AIS SHAKES LIONS IN SHEPPARTON

Danning Double Downs Champs

The AIS has proved to be a thorn in Preston's side yet again as it took all 3 points in a game the Lions needed to win to finally get away from the relegation zone and to push for berth in the top 6.

Shepparton came alive with FFV football fever as the clash between Preston and the AIS was the talk of the town. The game was held at the Rumbalara Complex just north of the CBD under lights, a healthy crowd of around 1,000 mixed with a couple of hundred travelling Preston Fans that made the long trek from Melbourne.

Preston started the game in high spirits following some impressive results since John Markovski took over as coach, coupled with the successful appeal against Heidelberg which saw Preston get the 3 points from that game, they were confident of getting a result from this game since the opposite was true from the AIS as their season started to go of the rails recently.

Preston almost drew first blood through in form striker Sapazovski but his intended chip in the first couple of minutes had to much on it as it cleared the advancing keeper and the crossbar as well.

Preston kept the pressure on the AIS, Sterjovski was winning the tussle on the left against young Munro and wasted a couple of decent half chances and a number of corners. Sterjovski was fouled some 22 metres out on the left of the penalty area, but Sterjovski's pass to Georgievski was blasted well over the bar.

Nick Schwal was next to waste a good chance when he also blasted over the bar from in front of the AIS goal from 20 metres out.

The AIS gained confidence as the match wore on and scored well and truly against the run of play in the 29th minute when Kofi Danning found himself on a one on one with Acevski and scored with the confidence rarely seen in someone so young.

The AIS should have gone 2 nil up not long after when Munro blasted high and over an animated Acevski in the Lion's goal as he lashed out at his defenders for the lack of cover he was receiving.

Preston was in wasteful mood in front of goal when it almost paid the ultimate price as the AIS countered and almost scored but Acevski's save found a Preston defender in Bosevski who played the ball to Sterjovski who easily waltzed past the AIS defense before whipping a wicked cross to an unmarked Dolevski in the six yard box, as Preston was ready to celebrate Dolevski got his connection horribly wrong and his miskick went wide for a goal kick.

The equalizer Preston was looking for was getting more elusive as the first half was coming to a end. Sterjovski won a corner some 40 minutes into the game, his cross was deflected by the AIS keeper onto the foot of Dolevski who made no mistake this time to give Preston a well deserved equalizer it was searching for.

The half ended on a sour note when Sterjovski and Munro ended in a tussle when the former held onto the ball after committing a foul as Sterjovski tried to pry the ball from his hands for a quick free which saw all the players from both sides as well as the entire AIS bench on the pitch. Demir Basic restored some order by booking several players and the entire AIS coaching Staff.

The second half saw the AIS pressure Preston early on but it was the Lions in the driving seat. The AIS were counting themselves lucky that Preston's forwards had left their goal scoring boots back in Melbourne as they were again very wasteful in front of goal.

Man of the match Kofi Danning was giving the Preston defense something to think about and when he scored his second for the game.

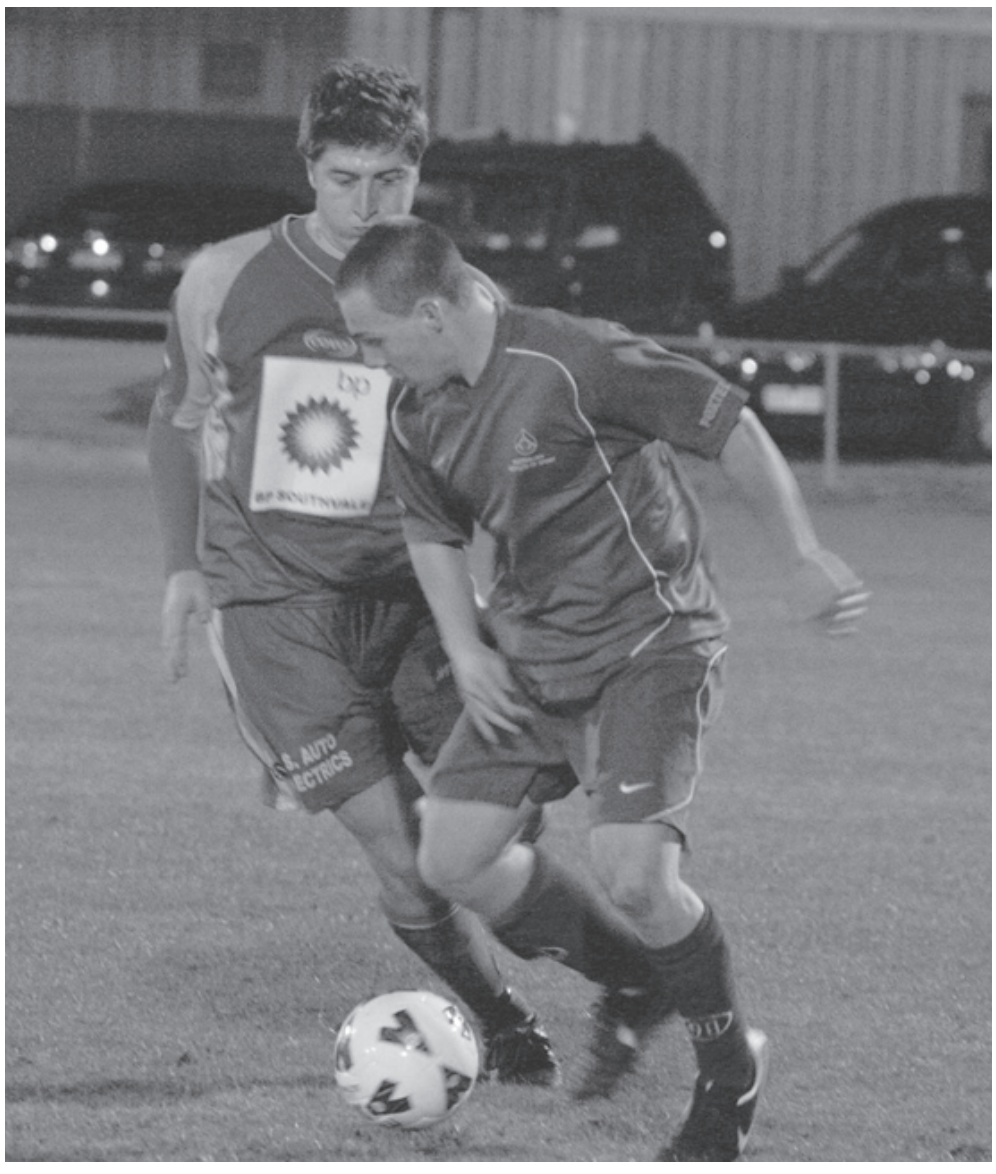
Preston has only itself to blame as it had enough chances to win the game instead of chasing it as it was now doing. Preston's showing in front of goal today can only be described as woeful. The number of wasted chances was unbelievable and worst fell to Georgievski who from less than 6 metres out with only the keeper to beat put his shot onto the post and out for a goal kick, giving the AIS the double over Preston this season.

Crowd: Around 1,000
Venue: Rumbalara Complex, Shepparton

Man Of The Match:
Kofi Danning
(AIS)

By Nome Risteski

Photos by Nome Risteski



AIS's Munro leads Preston Lions' Michael Miskas on a merry dance in Shepparton.

Preston's John Sapazovski uses his body well to shield the ball from his AIS opponent

SOUTH MELBOURNE

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MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

THRILLER AT BOB JANE

10 Man South Hold On

On Sunday afternoon, long time arch rivals South Melbourne and Melbourne Knights played a very pulsating and entertaining game at Bob Jane Stadium, with the final scorefinishing at two-all.

The inconsistent South side looking for maximum points to push for a finals position, burst out of the blocks aided by a strong wind, and were extremely unlucky not to take a 3rd minute lead when De Nittis' strike from outside the box bounced off the top of the cross-bar.

De Moraes and De Nittis linked up well in the front half for South Melbourne, causing the Knights defence and keeper plenty of headaches. De Nittis tried his luck from distance again, forcing a save from Loncaric, before De Moraes effort was deflected just wide of the upright.

South Melbourne using the strong wind to their advantage continually pressed forward, former Knight Nathan Caldwell headed just wide after a Poutakidis cross, before the home side took a deserved lead in the 29th minute. A clumsy challenge in the box from a Knights defender, allowed Fernando De Moraes to convert the penalty kick.

A brain explosion from Adam Van Dommele, saw him receive a straight red card after retaliating to a Barisic foul, leaving South down to 10 men from the 33rd minute.

Just before half time the Knights were forced into a substitution, after a challenge on Pelikan resulted in the midfielder being stretched off the field.

Although a goal down at the half, many would have expected the Knights to use the advantage of a extra man and the strong wind to overpower the home side. However South Melbourne did not read the script as new signing Petrovic set up De Nittis in the 49th Minute to sent home fans into raptures.

The home side seemed content with the lead and were willing to sit back and absorb the pressure, allowing the Knights more freedom coming forward. James Cumming hit the side netting in the 55th minute, minutes later Franjic headed just wide from a Iosifidis cross.

In the 60th minute, South Melbourne caught the Knights on the break, De Moraes found himself through on goal as his shot beat the keeper, but the post denied South the sealing goal. As the South fans were ruing that missed opportunity the Knights made a counter attack themselves, Barisic gathered up a loose ball in the box and slammed the ball past Tomich to put the visitors back in the game.

From the re-start the Knights continued to pile the pressure on the South defence, and they found a equaliser just ten minutes later. Kiratzoglou and Spiteri linked up on the left wing, as the ball was crossed into the box and met by the high rising Ivan Franjic to head visitors back onto level terms.

The remaining twenty minutes were played out in frantic style, as both teams seached the winning goal in end to end attacks. Tavsancioglu saw his effort rise just to high, as Franjic and Barisic came close at the other end. Overall a draw was the fair result, as either team would have been unlucky to lose. The small but vocal crowd including a number of travelling Knights supporters, witnessed a classic match that would bring back some memories of the famous tussles these historic club have played out before.

Next week South Melbourne have the chance to return to the winners list when they face Fawkner at CB Smith reserve, as the Knights are at home and face a blockbuster match against the Oakleigh Cannons.

MATCH STATS:
SHOTS: SM 11 MK 10
TARGET: SM 4 MK 3
CORNERS: SM 4 MK 3

South Melbourne Line Up: Tomich, Nunes, Van Dommele, O'Dor, MacNicol (La Verde 87'), Petrovic (Zoric 65'), Tavsancioglu, De Moraes (Armenian 83'), Caldwell, Poutakidis.

Not Used: Anastasiadis, Wynne.

Yellow Cards: None

Red Cards: Van Dommele 33'

Goals: De Moraes pen 29', De Nittis 49'

Melbourne Knights Line Up: Loncaric, Grbesa, Cumming, Franjic, Timmonds, Iosifidis, Franjic, Pelikan (Piorkowski 40'), Kiratzoglou (Kuna 87'), Spiteri (Zahra 75'), Barisic.

Not Used: Ozdemir, Thompson.

Yellow Cards: Grbesa 18', Barisic 33'

Red Cards: None

Goals: Barisic 61', Franjic 69'.

MOM: Ivan Franjic (MK)

Crowd 800 @ Bob Jane Stadium.

By Andrew Fisher

Photo by Peter Kakalias

South Melbourne keeper Tomich attempts to clear the Knights danger as Joe Spiteri tries to get a head to the ball

Fernando De Moraes eqializes from the penalty spot in yesterday's clash at Bob Jane

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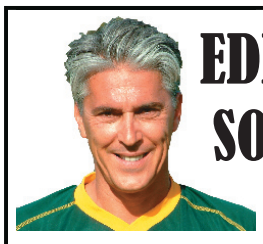

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BOGGI BIDS BYE-BYE

When you don't want to hear from a friend

Ted Smith is a very good friend but I almost dread his phone calls nowadays. Too often recently they have been to report the passing of another member of the golden generation of post-war migrants who helped the game become a major sport.

Ted himself was born and bred in Australia and represented his country at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956. Since then he been tireless promoter of the game helping set up the Football Hall of Fame and the Socceroos Club. He and I have played with and against each other in veterans' matches down the years and his love for the game remains undiminished.

He played for Moreland, Hakoah and South Melbourne Hellas among others. Len Young arrived from England as the first Victorian coach and promptly set up the Victorian Colts as a development squad and Ted benefited from that experience. He was fast winger with a good cross and he scored the odd goal as well. He learned about promotion and advertising very early in his career, being used for publicity by Soccer News as an example of a self-starter who could make a career in the game.

This week he had the sad news of the passing of Gaetano (Tony) Boggi, stalwart of the Juventus club and coach of Triestina, Victoria and briefly the Socceroos in 1975. When Rale Rasic resigned after taking Australia to the World Cup in 1974 there was a hiatus in which Eric Worthington, the English-born National Director of Coaching, took charge of the Socceroos, before heading overseas on a recruitment mission which eventually led to the appointment of Brian Green. Green's tenure was ended less than a year later after he was found guilty of shoplifting.

While Worthington was away Tony Boggi became coach for the matches against Glasgow Rangers (twice), Manchester United, coached by Tommy Docherty, China and Benfica from Portugal. Boggi's teams had the likes of Jack Reilly, Todd Clarke, Alan Maher, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Col Bennett, Harry Williams, Agenor Muniz, Gary Byrne, John Russell, Dave Harding, Ray Richards, Jim Rooney, Duncan Cummings, Rene Colusso, Peter Ollerton, Mike Micevski, Terry Butler and Branko Buljevic. So there was a nucleus of the World Cup stars of 1974 and several youngsters who were to make their mark in subsequent years.

Boggi's teams did very well, losing narrowly to Rangers in Sydney by two goals to one, but beating the Scots in Brisbane thanks to a single goal by Peter Ollerton after only 9 minutes. Manchester United had its full squad and proved too strong, running in four goals to nil, but a very defensive China was overcome by Duncan Cummings strike in 62 minutes at Olympic Park. In his last match in charge Australia bounced back from two-nil down to draw with Benfica thanks to two goals by Branko Buljevic.

In his club career at Juventus, Tony Boggi was the man the club turned to when it was not doing as well as it hoped. Egilberto Martin's wonderful history of the club in English and Italian, *Juve! Juve!* mentions that he was coach of the club 'several times' including spells in 1970 and 1973. He also coached Victoria against Ferencvaros in 1974.

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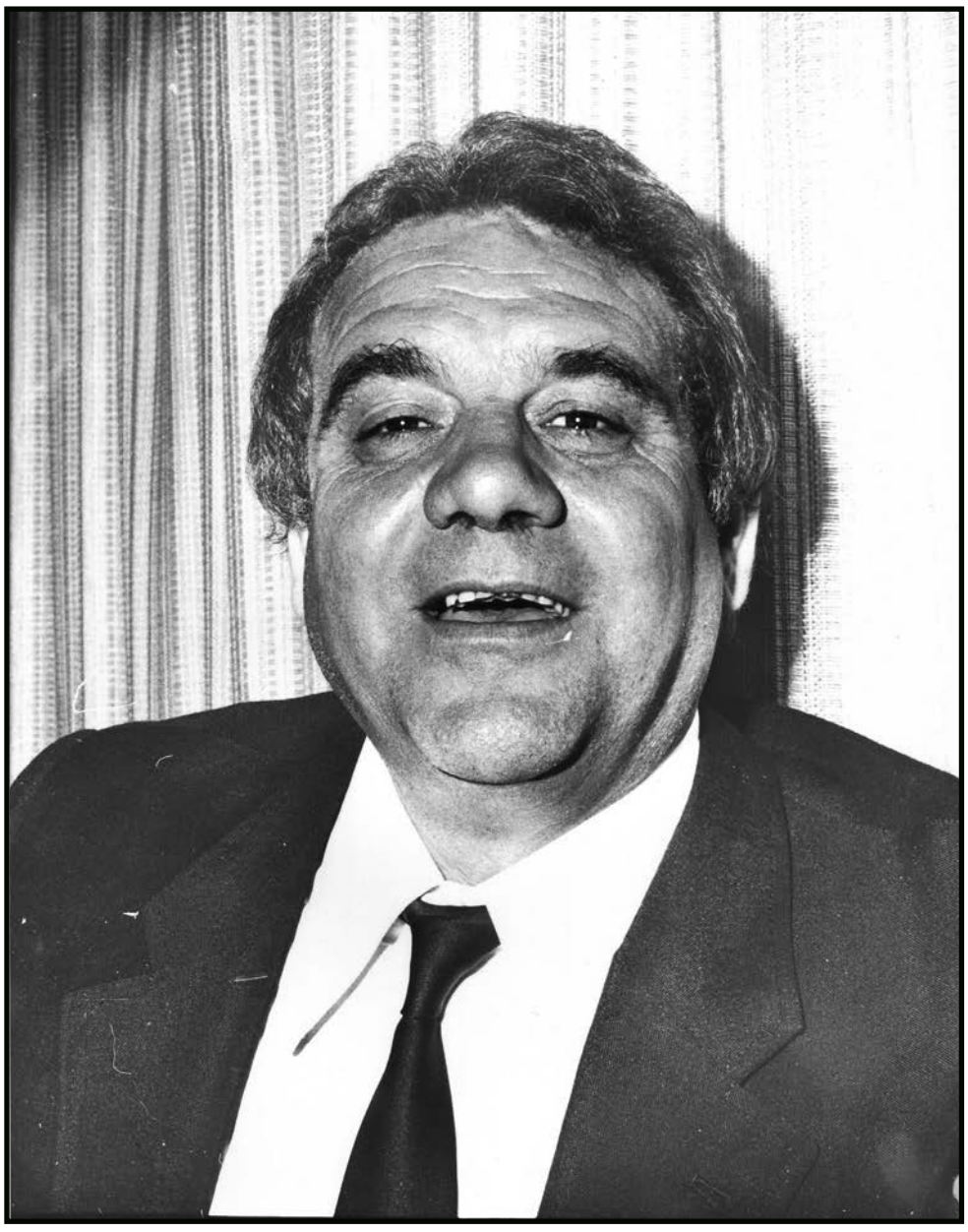

The smiling Tony Boggi.
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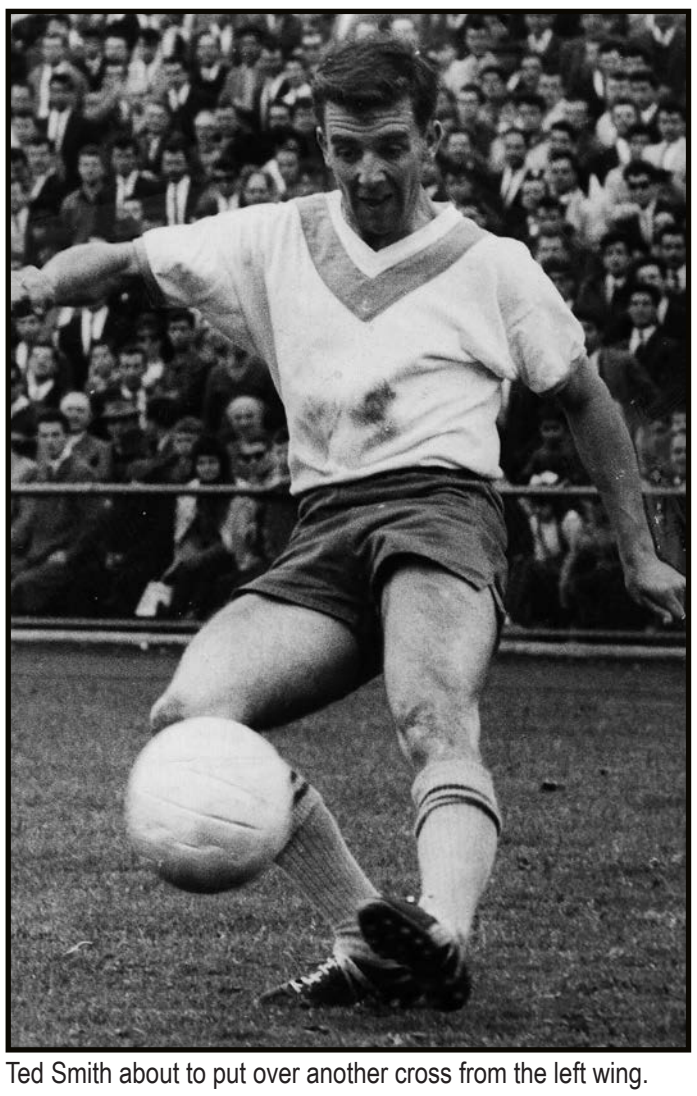

Ted Smith about to put over another cross from the left wing.
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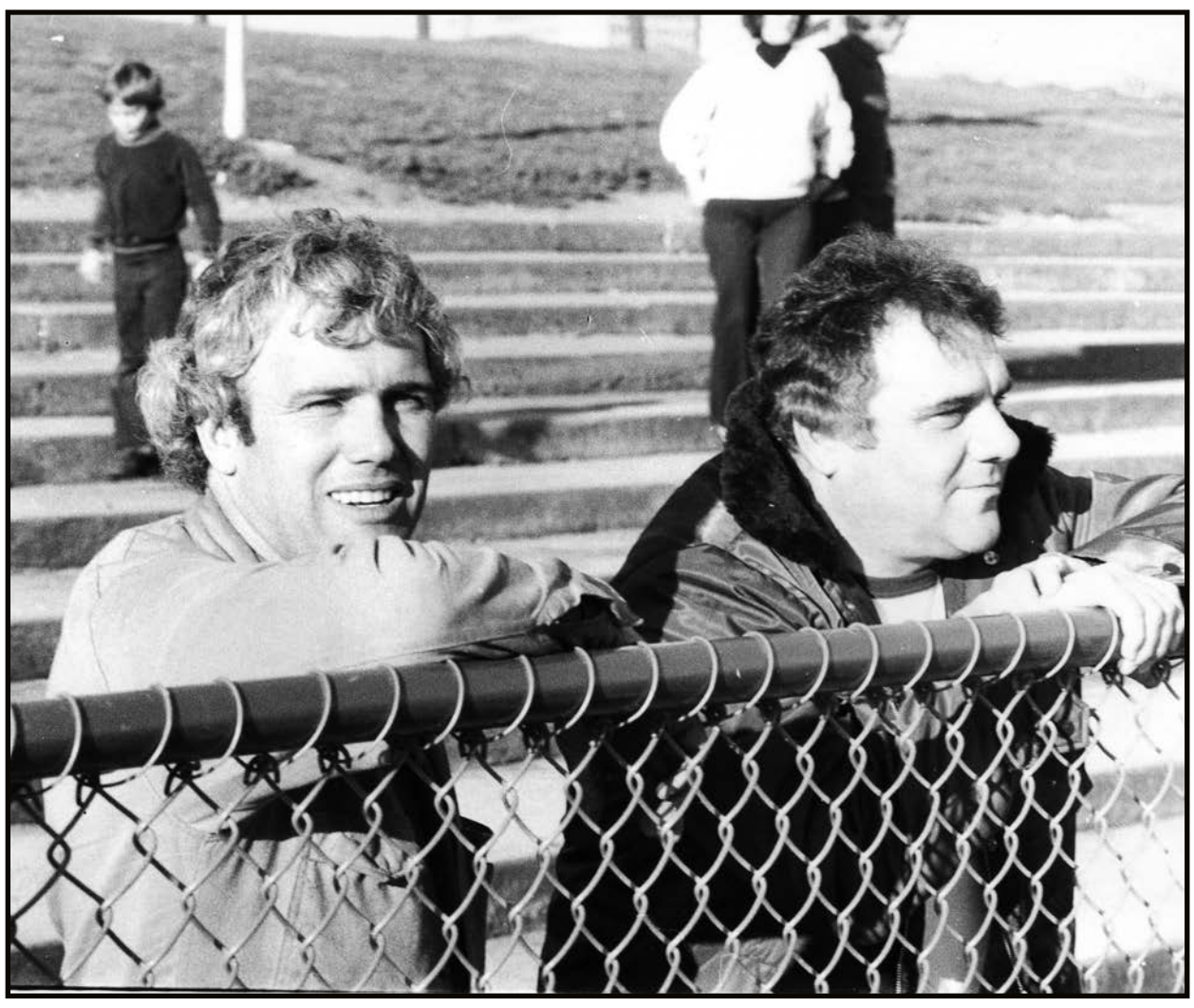

Tony Boggi (right) and Pat Bannon concentrating on a Juventus match.
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Round Seventeen

BATTLE FOR FINALS SPOTS

Inter, Ashy and Sandy Look Secure

Heidelberg's Sarah Groenewald just gets her kick past Julia Baldwin's challenge

Round 17 of the WPL proved a good one for the home teams, with four of the five victories going to the hosts. The top three – Box Hill, Ashburton and Sandringham – look fairly secure in their positions, leaving the rest to scrap over the remaining two finals positions. Heidelberg's victory over Preston proved an important one, as it propelled United ahead of Preston, and forced Eltham out of the top five.

Eltham North continued its strong home form with a 4-1 victory over Keilor Park at Anderson Park on Friday night. Dominance at Anderson Park has been a key component in Eltham's success this year, with seven of its eight victories coming at home, and it has suffered only one defeat there. The home side had its nose in front at half time, having established a 2-1 lead, and it added a further two unanswered goals after the interval to seal the win. Katrina Smith, Deanne Niceski, Stephanie Simpson and Jade De Goey were all on target for Eltham, with Sarah Fitzgerald the sole scorer for the visitor. Despite the result, Eltham finds itself still out of the top five, one point adrift of fifth-placed Preston Lions. Keilor drops a place on the ladder to ninth, following its ninth defeat of the campaign.

Box Hill Inter overcame Bendigo Vipers 2-0 in a rare Saturday afternoon game at Wembley Park, to maintain its comfortable lead at the top of the WPL ladder. The visiting regional side gave the ladder leader a run for its money, holding it goalless until half time, and seemingly in with a shout of picking up at least a point. However, a Louisa Bisby double after the break was enough to secure all three points for the home side. Box Hill stretches its lead at the top of the table to seven points, albeit courtesy only of the fact that second-placed Ashburton had the bye this weekend. Any slim chances Bendigo may have had of making the finals may well have evaporated as a result of this loss, which sees the Vipers drop a place to eighth.

Having suffered a surprise defeat the last time the sides met, Sandringham was keen to avoid a repeat, but it still only just scraped past GSL, winning by a single goal at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex on Saturday. With Sandringham having only lost two matches to date, the Round 6 result against GSL was a real upset, and it appeared, at least until half time, that a similar result could be on the cards. However, Paige Dodds got the all important goal for the home side in the second half, which enabled it to secure its tenth victory of the season. The result moves Sandringham to within three points of second place, while GSL remains a serious contender for relegation, as it eleventh, four points adrift of tenth place.

Casey Comets picked up a valuable three points with a hard fought victory over South Melbourne at Comets Stadium on Sunday afternoon. In a tightly contested match, there was little to choose between the two sides, and the match remained locked at nil-nil at the interval. As the match appeared to be heading towards a draw, Talia Silivestros broke the deadlock to grab victory for the home side. As a result of its fifth victory, Casey climbs two places on the ladder to seventh, overtaking Keilor and Bendigo. South remains tenth on the ladder.

The only visiting team to win this weekend was Heidelberg United, which defeated Preston Lions 2-0 at BT Connor Reserve on Sunday. As with a number matches in this round, the match was goalless for the first half, but Melanie Camilleri and Julia Nicolaci were on target for United in the second half to help the reigning premier achieve its ninth victory of the season. The result helps Heidelberg cement its position in the top five, as it overtakes Preston and moves into fourth. Preston's own finals aspirations will depend largely on how it fares in its catch up matches, as it has two matches in hand over sixth-placed Eltham, which it is currently one point ahead of.

Round 18 begins on Saturday afternoon when Bendigo Vipers hosts Casey Comets at Beischer Oval, while at Latrobe City Sports Club GSL takes on Ashburton. On Sunday South Melbourne plays Eltham North at Albert Park, Preston Lions and Sandringham meet at BT Connor Reserve, Heidelberg United takes on Keilor Park at Olympic Village. Ladder leader Box Hill Inter has the bye.

Belinda Pannella (heidelberg United) wrongfoots Roni Guilbert (Preston Lions

By Niki Cook

Photos by John Punshon

WPL ROUND 17 RESULTS

Eltham North 4 (K Smith D Niceski S Simpson JL De Goey) **Keilor Park 1** (SE Fitzgerald), **Box Hill Inter 2** (L Bisby 2) **Bendigo Vipers 0, Sandringham 1** (P Dodds) **GSL 0, Casey Comets 1** (T Silivestros) **South Melbourne 0, Preston Lions 0 Heidelberg Utd 2** (M Camilleri JL Nicolaci)

WPL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	17	14	2	1	47	11	44
Ashburton	16	11	4	1	41	15	37
Sandringham	16	10	4	2	23	11	34
Heidelberg Utd	16	9	1	6	43	21	28
Preston Lions	15	9	0	6	18	14	27
Eltham North	17	8	2	7	43	25	26
Casey Comets	17	5	3	9	23	30	18
Bendigo Vipers	16	4	6	6	12	22	18
Keilor Park	17	4	4	9	32	40	16
South Melbourne	16	3	2	11	21	37	11
GSL	14	2	1	11	15	49	7
Eastern Lions	11	0	1	10	4	47	1

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Bendigo Vipers v Casey Comets
Beischer Oval (Strathdale)
Sat 26 Jul KO 2:45PM

Bye v Box Hill Inter

GSL v Ashburton
Latrobe City Sports Club
Sat 26 Jul KO 4:00PM

Preston Lions v Sandringham
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 27 Jul KO 1:00PM

South Melbourne v Eltham North
Albert Park Field 13
Sun 27 Jul KO 1:00PM

Heidelberg Utd v Keilor Park
WSC Olympic Village
Sun 27 Jul KO 1:00PM

***Eastern Lions has withdrawn from the WPL.**

WPL RESERVES RESULTS

Eltham North 0 Keilor Park 0, Box Hill Inter 1 Bendigo Vipers 0, Sandringham 8 GSL 0, Casey Comets 2 South Melbourne 1, Preston Lions 1 Heidelberg Utd 4

WPL RESERVES STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	16	16	0	0	78	9	48
Box Hill Inter	17	15	1	1	58	12	46
Sandringham	16	11	1	4	70	20	34
Heidelberg Utd	15	9	3	3	32	20	30
Keilor Park	17	8	4	5	42	23	28
Bendigo Vipers	16	6	1	9	28	32	19
Casey Comets	16	5	2	9	36	40	17
Preston Lions	15	3	4	8	23	37	13
Eltham North	17	2	5	10	14	45	11
South Melbourne	14	3	1	10	22	58	10
GSL	14	1	3	10	11	42	6
Eastern Lions	11	0	1	10	6	82	1

ECUADORIAN GLORY

Liga Deportiva Universitaria de Quito creates History

Liga de Quito made history in the 2008 edition of the Copa Libertadores when they became the first ever Ecuadorian club to lift the trophy.

In the 49th season of the CONMEBOL international club tournament, Liga de Quito entered the competition as underdogs, courtesy of their 2007 Campeonato Ecuatoriano de Fútbol victory in the Ecuadorian Serie A.

With the tournament commencing in January, Quito earned a direct qualification place in the Group stage and avoided the preliminary stage of the tournament, meaning that they kicked off their Copa season in Feburary.

Although they managed only three wins from a possible six, the Ecuadorian side qualified second in Group 8 of the tournament, three points behind Brazilian club Fluminense, and consequently knocked out Argentinean side Arsenal and Paraguayan club Libertad.

In the Round of 16, Quito faced a tough draw against three time winners Estudiantes from Argentina.

But a 2-0 victory in the first leg of the knockout match gave Quito an advantage heading into the second leg and despite a 2-1 loss, the club managed a 3-2 aggregate victory to enter the quarter-final stage.

Argentinean side San Lorenzo, who had dispatched of giants River Plate, was Quito's next challenge and two 1-1 draws over the two legs meant that their quarter-final tie would be decided on penalties.

The club managed an astonishing 5-3 shoot-out victory to secure a semi-final place against Mexican club America, and the Ecuadorian side again squeezed a close result out of the fixture; a 1-1 draw in the first leg enough for Quito to advance on the away goals rule to lock in a final position against group rivals Fluminense.

With the final to be played over two legs, Liga de Quito made a fantastic start to the final play-off, by recording a 4-2 home victory over the Brazilians, through goals from Bieler, Guerron, Campos and Urrutia. With a commanding lead from the first leg, Fluminense faced an uphill battle to become the first team to erase a two-goal deficit in the final since 1989.

Equador's Liga de Quito lines up before the 2nd leg Final against Fluminense

Prior to kick-off, the Fluminense was also hoping to become the ninth Brazillian club from to win the Latin American competition, along with Palmeiras, Sao Paulo, Santos, Flamengo, Vasco, Internacional, Gremio and Cruzeiro.

And the second leg, played at the intimidating Estadio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro, favoured the home side Fluminense, with around 80,000 fans cheering on their Brazilian heroes.

Despite taking an early lead through Bolanos' sixth minute goal, Quito succumbed to an incredible fight-back from Fluminense who scored three goals to level the tie 5-5, courtesy of a 3-1 victory in the second leg.

It appeared that it would be Fluminense's night, with promising young Brazilian Thiago Neves scoring a classy hat-trick to pull his side back into contention for the Copa trophy.

But faced with another penalty shoot-out, Liga de Quito used their experience from their quarter-final shoot-out victory over San Lorenzo, to record a 3-1 victory.

The victory was largely credited to Quito goalkeeper Jose Francisco Cevallos who saved three of Fluminense's spot kicks, whilst Urrutia, Salas and Guerron all converted to secure an historic victory for the Ecuadorian side.

The win sparked wild celebrations in the Brazilian capital and back in Ecuador, with the 2,000 travelling Quito fans revelling in their club's dramatic victory.

Whilst the Copa Liberatores victory secured a rare triumph in Ecuadorian history, the continent's first ever continental title, Quito's success also earned them a spot in FIFA's Club World Cup which is held later this year.

Quito succeed where their county had previously failed, with their Ecuadorian representatives Barcelona SC having reached the final twice in 1990 and 1998, but having fallen at the final hurdle.

By Julius Ross

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Aggregate 5 - 1

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Aggregate 5 - 1

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HITTING THE NET

The Weird, Wacky and Wonderful World Wide Web

In search of alternative footballing websites, Goal! Weekly explores the top 10 most interesting, bizarre, useful and entertaining websites out there in cyberspace.

10. FOOTBALL 365
Website: www.football365.com

As the name implies, Football 365 is dedicated to football 365 days of the year.

On first inspection, the website appears to be an average run-of-the-mill English football site, with focus on fixtures, results, statistics, transfer speculation and all the latest news in England and abroad. However, on second glance, Football 365 takes a much more satirical angle on the everyday footballing issues, referring to teams such as Manchester United as Man Yoo, Chelsea as Chelski and Arsenal as the Gooners to lighten the mood.

On a more serious note, Football 365 does have some credibility, with the 'Opinion' section home to 'Britain's Best Football Pundit' Andy Gray.

Overall, Football 365 functions as a bright and colourful website which keeps you up to date with the latest news and gossip in the footballing world, whilst providing you with light entertainment

9. FAMOUS FOOTBALL FANS
Website: http://www.the-football-club.com/famous-football-fans.html

What do The Queen, Prince Harry, Dido and Nick Hornby have in common? They all support Arsenal FC of course! Which football team do Lennox Lewis, Kiera Knightly, John Cleese support? West Ham United! Famous Football Fans is a link off TheFootballClub.com and provides readers with an intriguing insight into which English teams A-List celebrities barrack for. Although most people would find this information relatively useless, for those celebrity obsessed people, Famous Football Fans can provide you with a little extra gossip for the next time you're catching up with friends over a chai latte at Starbucks.

8. FAN CHANTS
Website: http://www.fanchants.com/

Ever wondered what a particular team was chanting to their opponents? Fan Chants has over 3,000 different footballing chants available for purchase or download or even use as mobile phone ringtones. You'll never have to wonder again what your team really thinks of their rivals. WARNING! Coarse language within! (Most of them are English, you see).

7. ASK THE REF
Website: www.asktheref.com

Every match day, players and fans alike get stuck into the men and women in black, and more often than not have a query for the match officials. But whilst most of what is said is unprintable here, AskTheRef.com allows those who would like to take up an issue with the referee, to do so in a more humble manner than is seen from the terraces. AskTheRef allows you to enquire about specific refereeing decisions, or provides a great base for expanding your knowledge of the rules of the game, without the risk of seeing Red.

6. FOOTBALL QUOTES
Website: http://www.footballquotes.info/

Football Quotes is one of the many various sites floating around the World Wide Web that capture the hilarious quotes of footballing personalities. Football Quotes have some of the weirdest and wackiest quotes from the likes of David Beckham, Thierry Henry and Steven Gerrard, as well as English managers Bobby Robson and Terry Venables and commentators such as John Motson. Here just a few to inspire you to visit Football Quotes:

"If you can't stand the heat in the dressing-room, get out of the kitchen!" Terry Venables.

"Sometimes in football you have to score goals," Thierry Henry.

"My parents have been there for me, ever since I was about 7," David Beckham.

"I think this could be [England's] best victory over Germany since the war," John Motson.

5. KIKETTE
Website: http://kickette.com/

Quoted from the website: "Written by a small but perfectly formed crack team of female journalists, fashionistas and debauchery-chasing champagne swillers, Kickette is the number one authority on the web for all things fun, fluffy and footie-related. Multi-millionaire football star shenanigans, exclusive WAG gossip and snarky fashion analysis are the reason we exist. For those that love football, but also love the WAG lifestyle, culture, designer labels, gossip and debauchery just as much, Kickette is the site for you."

Fun. Fluffy. Footie-related? Whilst most of you will take several minutes to take in contents of the last paragraph, I'll confirm that, yes, this is a football site designed for the females. When I stumbled across this page with its light pink background and paparazzi shots of a topless Christiano Ronaldo poolside, I was slightly disturbed. However, it is fantastic to discover a rare footballing website dedicated to females supporters of the world game despite the gossip stories having less credibility than Woman's Weekly or New Idea.

Featuring a 'Finest Five' list of the 'hottest footballers' and 'Thursday Thigh Off' – where readers can assess the 'quality' of footballer's thighs; "may the best quads win!" - the designers of this website have certainly aimed it at their fellow female soccer fans. However, I encourage men to check out this website too, it's quite interesting to find out able the players' off-field shenanigans!

4. VIRGIN FOOTBALL
Website: http://www.virginmedia.com/sport/football/pictures.php?npar=nav-football

Despite the incomprehensible web address and the fact that it is funded by multi billionaire entrepreneur Richard Branson, this site is well worth a visit. Featuring sections on the Most Hated Footballers, Euro 2008 Lookalikes, the Daftest Quotes from the Beautiful Game and the Season's Best Football Chants, it is guaranteed to provide you with hours of entertainment. And a chuckle or two.

3. TOP HOOLIGAN
Website: http://www.tophooligan.com/

No one likes a football hooligan, or hooliganism in general, but Top Hooligan gives you a bizarre insight into football violence. The site has links to the type of clothes that hooligans wear to escape recognition from authorities, the various different Firms which exist, along with pictures and videos. The website does not encourage hooliganism or violent behaviour, and provides articles on how football's Governing bodies are attempting to curb violence on and off the pitch. Still, not for the faint hearted!

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STARS AND GREENS MAKE GROUND ON TOP TWO

For just the fifth occasion this season, ladder-leaders Sunshine have dropped points after being held to a scoreless draw by Westgate at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday. Despite bombarding the visitors' goals for seemingly the majority of the ninety minutes, the Georgies could not crack the resolute defence of Westgate, as they held on to scrape their fifth goalless draw this year alone. The single point has allowed the ninth-placed Westgate to broaden the gap between themselves and their nearest rivals Langwarrin to three points.

Dandenong have squandered an opportunity to take advantage of Sunshine's slip-up, after drawing 1-1 to the fifth-placed Bulleen Royals at George Andrews Reserve on Saturday night. While a victory would have seen the Thunder move within a game of Sunshine at the top of the ladder, a draw was the best they could manage after Dandenong's earlier goal to league top goal scorer Ryan Davidson was cancelled out by Royal Martin Mason before half time. The Royals also miss out on the chance to keep pace with the third and fourth-placed Bentleigh and Stars respectively.

Meanwhile, the action at the undesirable end of the table becomes evermore interesting after the previously bottom-placed Kingston City defeated Springvale 2-1 at The Grange Reserve on Friday night. The home side drew first blood through Anthony Stavridis, holding on to take the more than handy advantage into half time. After the break, the White Eagles drew level again though when William Armour scored his second goal for the season. However, just when the game seemed destined for a draw, City's Jasmin Limic broke the deadlock yet again to seal the win for Kingston. Springvale are now three points adrift of seventh-placed Clifton Hill, while City are now equal on points with Langwarrin and Keilor Park at the foot of the ladder.

Adam Gauci-Seddon (Keilor Park) keeps Clifton Hill danger man, Fidell Richards at bay

Keilor managed to remain in touch of their fellow cellar-dwellers with a 1-1 draw with FC Clifton Hill at Kevin Bartlett Reserve on Saturday. Clifton Hill's Fidell Richards handed his side the lead early in the first half, a lead which never looked to be under any real threat until Denys Menjivar broke through for the visitors with a second-half equaliser. Coincidentally the draw sees Keilor's goal difference remain exactly the same as rivals Kingston City, while Clifton Hill climb to equal sixth with St Albans.

The Southern Stars have dealt out a severe reality check to St Albans with a 4-0 thrashing at Churchill Reserve yesterday. With both sides entering the clash high in confidence on the back of a winning-streak, neither side were entertaining the prospect of a loss, and as such began the game strongly. When Berkan Sakaci opened the scoring for the Stars in the first half though, the previously attacking Saints' emerged from the break a different team. The Stars quickly made the most of their upper hand, Colin Quirk netting two goals in quick succession before Sakaci sealed the match with his second. The Southern Stars remain in fourth place, behind Bentleigh on goal difference.

The Greens kept pace with the top two sides, after simply going through the motions in defeating equal-bottom side Langwarrin 2-0 at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex. Two goals either side of half time to Andrew Strapelias proved to be the difference between the two sides, the goals taking to six his tally for the season. The loss means Langwarrin remain anchored to the bottom, with their vastly superior goal difference the only saving grace in keeping them above Keilor and Kingston City.

Keilor Park keeper, Brian Maher, manages to hold on the the ball as he spins into Clifton Hill's Sam Tyrikos

By Jeremy O'Neill

Photo by John Punshon

SL1 ROUND RESULTS

Kingston City 2 (A Stavridis J Limic) **Springvale White Eagles 1** (W Armour), **FC Clifton Hill 1** (F Richards) **Keilor Park 1** (D Menjivar), **Sunshine Georgies 0 Westgate 0, Dandenong Thunder 1** (R Davidson) **Bulleen Royals 1** (M Mason), **Bentleigh Greens 2** (A Strapelias 2) **Langwarrin 0, St Albans Saints 0 Southern Stars 4** (B Sakaci 2 CF Quirk 2)

SL1 STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Georgies	16	11	3	2	28	10	36
Dandenong Thunder	16	9	5	2	35	15	32
Bentleigh Greens	16	8	5	3	30	20	29
Southern Stars	16	9	2	5	29	24	29
Bulleen Royals	16	6	7	3	32	20	25
St Albans Saints	16	6	2	8	22	27	20
FC Clifton Hill	16	5	5	6	20	29	20
Springvale White Eagles	16	4	5	7	19	24	17
Westgate	16	3	7	6	19	21	16
Langwarrin	16	3	4	9	13	21	13
Kingston City	16	4	1	11	16	34	13
Keilor Park	16	3	4	9	13	31	13

TOP SCORERS

Becvinovski (Royals) matches 6 - 8 goals, **Davidson** (Thunder) 5 – 8, **Doganay** (Southern Stars) 5 - 8, **Opazo** (Thunder) 6 - 8, **Loncaric** (Saints) 7 - 7, **Miles** (Royals) 4 - 7

NEXT ROUND

Southern Stars v Sunshine Georgies
Ross Reserve
Sat 26 Jul KO 3:00PM

Langwarrin v FC Clifton Hill
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 26 Jul KO 3:00PM

Keilor Park v Dandenong Thunder
Keilor Park Reserve
Sat 26 Jul KO 3:00PM

Westgate v Bentleigh Greens
Ardeer Reserve
Sat 26 Jul KO 7:00PM

Springvale White Eagles v St Albans
Serbian Sports Centre
Sun 27 Jul KO 3:00PM

Bulleen Royals v Kingston City
Veneto Social Club
Mon 28 Jul KO 8:15PM

RESERVES RESULTS

Kingston City 0 Springvale White Eagles 2, FC Clifton Hill 3 Keilor Park 3 (F Sirgiovanni 3), Sunshine Georgies 0 Westgate 1, Dandenong Thunder 0 Bulleen Royals 2, Bentleigh Greens 3 Langwarrin 0, St Albans Saints 3 Southern Stars 3

RESERVES STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	16	13	0	3	53	21	39
Langwarrin	16	12	3	1	48	17	39
Bulleen Royals	16	10	2	4	40	17	32
Keilor Park	16	8	5	3	36	26	29
Southern Stars	16	6	6	4	36	32	24
FC Clifton Hill	16	7	3	6	30	31	24
Sunshine Georgies	16	5	6	5	24	24	21
Westgate	16	5	2	9	20	39	17
Springvale White Eagles	16	3	3	10	22	46	12
St Albans Saints	16	2	5	9	26	39	11
Dandenong Thunder	16	3	2	11	33	50	11
Kingston City	16	2	3	11	24	50	9

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BILLY DAMIANOS

OAKLEIGH CANNONS FC

FULL NAME: Billy Damianos
BIRTHPLACE: Australia
BIRTH DATE: 18/04/1977
HEIGHT: 178 cm
WEIGHT: 77kg
MARRIED: No
CAR: Laser
OCCUPATION OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL: Machine Operator
NICKNAME: Billy Diamond
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Skoda Xanthi (Greece), South Melbourne. Heidelberg United
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: Young Socceroos, Olyroos
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Maradona
FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Christiano Ronaldo
FAVOURITE FOXTEL CUP PLAYER: Anthony Pelikan (Melb Knights)
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: Charlie Yankos
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: Michael Petkovic
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER:1997/98 NSL Grand Final South Melbourne v Carlton winning 2 -1
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: South Melb v Melb Knights NSL Grand final 1991 South winning on penalties
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: Skoda Xanthi v Aris scoring the winning goal by chipping the keeper from 30 yards
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: To many to name
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Under acheiving
WORST INJURY: Thankfully nothing to serious
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Everyone
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Nowhere. They're all as bad as eachother
SUPERSTITIONS: None
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Chocolate and lots of it
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Distribution
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Running for the whole 90 min
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: Napoli
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Footy, Poker
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Tiger woods
FAVOURITE FOODS: Seafood - I can live on it
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Edward Norton
HOBBIES: Spending time with my biggest acheivement (My son, Peter Damianos)/ Playing poker/Fishing
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Fiji
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: Kittens
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: CSI and of course the Wiggles
FAVOURITE MUSIC: House
FAVOURITE FILM: Shawshank Redemption
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Parents
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Pre season
FOOTBALL AMBITION: Winning the Foxtel Cup with Oakleigh Cannons
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? : Mike Tyson
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S FOXTEL CUP: Oakleigh Cannons...just! lol!

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ALTONA MAGIC

BERGERS EDGE OUT MAGIC

5 Goal Thriller at the Village

Heidelberg United & Altona Magic have played out an entertaining Round 21 match at the Olympic Village this afternoon, with the home side prevailing 3-2 after an absorbing contest. Spectators were treated to a game of fluctuating fortunes as the third-placed Magic met sixth-placed Heidelberg in a match played under cool & overcast conditions.

Both sides went into today's game missing key personnel. For the home side, central defender James Stefanou was ruled out due to injury, whereas Altona had to make do without Michael Curcija up front – the top-scoring striker carrying a leg injury.

Heidelberg quickly settled and were dominating possession in the early going without ever really threatening Bojo Jevdevic in the Altona goals. However, it was Altona that struck first in the 10th minute through Pece Cergovski. Con Anthopoulos played a speculative long ball forward met by Henry Fa'arado. The diminutive striker took advantage of a hesitant defence and got past Heidelberg 'keeper Gavalas, before stumbling & quickly regaining his footing. His pin-point pass across the penalty area found an unmarked Cergovski, who coolly slotted home the goal to give Altona a 1-0 lead.

The home side, stung by conceding the opening goal, continued to press forward in numbers, but a shot by Aleksovski was well held by Jevdevic. Altona, for its part, was now content to play on the counter and exploit the space made available to Masi & Fa'arado. From a Fa'arado through ball, Siveski almost made it 2-0 after springing the off-side trap.

Heidelberg were forced to make a change before the half hour mark, as youngster Josh Groenewald came on to replace makeshift right back Tim Paton, who himself suffered an ankle injury. The reshuffle by the 'Bergers meant that skipper Ouliaris took up a central defensive post, Vassiliadis was now at right back, Alilovic into central midfield & Groenewald partnered Tsiorlas up front.

Groenewald was immediately of concern to the Altona defence with his pace, and the Heidelberg youngster played a part in the home side's opening two goals – first by winning a penalty after being crudely dragged down by McSorley in the box. Altona had failed to clear a corner & as the ball fell to Groenewald, he was pulled down as he attempted a shot towards goal. Graham Hockless stepped up and converted the spot kick to tie up the game at 1-1 after 35 minutes.

Heidelberg stepped up the pressure as Altona's defence was put under severe pressure at this stage under the surge of Heidelberg attacks. Gasparis & Aleksovksi were damaging on the flanks for the home side, constantly whipping in crosses that forced the Magic defence into scrambled clearances.

In the 41st minute, Groenewald's pace and guile unlocked the Altona defence. He ran onto a well weighted Drossos free kick, beating both Steven Laurie & the advancing Jevdevic to the ball, before cleverly flicking a right foot shot into the back of the net to give the home side a 2-1 lead.

Just minutes later, Heidelberg went 3-1 up after Aleksovski's flick on from a Vassiliadis throw in found striker Mark Tsiorlas, whose first-time shot snuck in at the near post past a lunging Jevdevic.

The sides went into the main break with the 'Bergers holding sway 3-1 & Altona looking to regroup after the home side's late first half flurry.

The Altona side came into the second half pressing to rescue the points, but were almost

Con Anthopoulos is intent on retaining possession despite being brought down by Josh Groenewald's tackle

undone in the 52nd minute after Hockless struck a low shot that was well parried by Jevdevic & scrambled clear from danger. From the ensuing break, Cergovski almost found himself clear on goal, but his first touch let him down & the attack fizzled out. Magic, for all their territorial dominance as the half wore on, were unable to land any killer punches, and its best effort came midway through from Recchia, whose well struck volley forced Gavalas to tip the ball wide.

As Altona stepped up the pressure, a foul on Masi gave Mladenovic an opportunity to hit a free-kick from just outside the box, but Gavalas was on hand to save the low shot. Heidelberg, at this stage had taken off Tsiorlas, and seemed to be content to protect its two goal cushion, relying on counter-attacks, as the spaces opened up for Groenewald & Alilovic.

Altona's persistence was rewarded in the 83rd minute when Heidelberg failed to properly clear a corner kick. The loose ball was picked up by Mladenovic, who floated in a long ball to the far post, which lobbed over Gavalas & in off the upright to leave the score at 3-2 to Heidelberg, and give Altona a glimmer of hope in salvaging a point. The home side was able to hang on despite the late scare & record a hard fought win, its second victory over Altona this season.

The next round sees Heidelberg travel to Kevin Bartlett Reserve next Friday night to take on fellow top six contender Richmond. Altona will host Coburg United at paisley Park next Saturday evening.

Final Score at the Olympic Village this afternoon:
Heidelberg United 3 (Hockless 35' (pen), Groenewald 41', Tsiorlas 44') defeated Altona Magic 2 (Cergovski 10', Mladenovic 83')

Man of the Match: Joshua Groenewald (Heidelberg United)

Crowd: 500

Team line-Ups:
HEIDELBERG UNITED:
Gavalas – Vassiliadis, Paton (Groenewald 27'), Jones, Drossos – Aleksovski, Hockless, Ouliaris, Gasparis – Alilovic, Tsiorlas (Reid 72')

Yellow Cards: nil
Red Cards: nil

ALTONA MAGIC:
Jevdevic – Anthopoulos, Laurie, Mladenovic, Riccobene – Recchia (Kalmar 80'), Siveski, Cergoski, McSorley – Fa'arado, Masi

Yellow Cards: nil
Red Cards: nil

By John Fotinos

Photos by John Punshon

Josh Groenewald is a happy young man after scoringHeidelberg's second goal

OAKLEIGH CANNONS

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GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS

GULLY RUES CHANCE TO GO TO TOP

Feisty Clash at Jack's Place

Green Gully has missed its chance to overtake Melbourne Knights at the top of the Foxtel Cup after it drew 0-0 with Oakleigh Cannons in the late game of Round 21 at Jack Edwards Reserve on Sunday.

In a feisty clash worthy of two local football titans, an entertaining match was dominated by Gully for most of the first half. Koce Delev went close to breaking the deadlock with a header that hit the crossbar, but whilst both teams created numerous chances the score remained tied as both teams went into the break.

In the second half Oakleigh peppered the Gully goal putting the defence under enormous pressure. A series of corners and set pieces had Gully defending on the back foot as the ball ricocheted in the penalty box, hitting everything in sight except the back of the net.

Gully however stood firm as the game petered out to full time.

Individual battles all over the park were the order of the day as Cannons Frankie Lagana came under some close attention and a total of five yellow cards were handed out.

Speaking after the match Oakleigh Cannons coach Stuart Munro was satisfied with the performance, "I think it was fairly even game. We had five or six good chances to score, but lady luck is not with us at the moment to get the ball over the line. It was a pretty entertaining game, but difficult with two teams that are near the top who scrapped it out until the end.

I thought a point each was more than satisfactory at the end. Both teams fought hard and defended very well to keep clean sheets."

Cannons:
A.Cagalj, A.Ewin, F.Rosman, S.Drakos, J,Nilo (T.Apostolikas 79'), T.Waterson, B, Vassallo, F.Lagana, B.Damianos, A.Drakos (R.Payne 70'), S.Webster.

Goals: None

Yellow cards: Nilo 56', Lagana 39', Webster 70'.
Red cards: None

Gully:
S.Tilovski, S.Burton, D.Fak, K.Delev, J.Fleming, K.Delev, M.Sanders (K.Ivesic 81'), E.Muscat, R.Ollerton, A.Vargas (J.Adam 69'), J.Nikolic (C.Banks 70').
Goals: None

Yellow cards: Muscat 73', Nikolic 69'.

Man of the match:
Jeff Fleming
(Green Gully)

Crowd: 600
Venue: Jack Edwards Reserve

By Gordon Bennett

Photos by Peter Kakalias

The Green Gully Soccer Show
10.30am Every Saturday on C31

Gully keeper Steve Tilovski spreads himself well to combat a Cannons attack led by the acrobatic Juan Nilo

STATE & PROVISIONAL LEAGUES

ROUND SIXTEEN

Seniors — NORTH WEST 2 — Reserves

Thomastown Devils 1 (D Garisto) Williamstown 2 (A Dimitrijevic D Vasic), Pascoe Vale 2 (M Talevski R Castro) Altona East Phoenix 1 (B Lojanica), Maribyrnong Greens 0 North Geelong Warriors 3 (A Cervinski A Deak DS Morell), Ballarat Red Devils 0 Brunswick City 3 (B Stafrace B Gorcevski S Athanasopoulos), Werribee City 1 (T Batur) Moreland City 0, Cairnlea 0 Altona City 1 (O Kara)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale	16	9	7	0	20	7	34
Altona East Phoenix	16	8	5	3	24	11	29
North Geelong Warriors	16	8	5	3	26	14	29
Werribee City	16	8	4	4	23	15	28
Ballarat Red Devils	16	7	6	3	24	24	27
Brunswick City	16	7	4	5	21	14	25
Thomastown Devils	16	7	2	7	32	26	23
Williamstown	16	6	2	8	20	21	20
Altona City	16	4	4	8	14	26	16
Cairnlea	16	3	4	9	14	26	13
Moreland City	16	2	6	8	16	24	12
Maribyrnong Greens	16	1	3	12	11	37	6

Thomastown Devils 1 Williamstown 1, Pascoe Vale 4 Altona East Phoenix 1, Maribyrnong Greens 1 North Geelong Warriors 4, Ballarat Red Devils 2 Brunswick City 3, Werribee City 1 Moreland City 2, Cairnlea 2 Altona City 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	16	14	1	1	49	19	43
Thomastown Devils	16	9	4	3	39	27	31
Cairnlea	16	9	1	6	39	33	28
Brunswick City	16	8	2	6	37	32	26
Altona City	16	7	3	6	32	27	24
Ballarat Red Devils	16	7	1	8	32	32	22
Williamstown	16	5	6	5	25	29	21
North Geelong Warriors	16	6	1	9	31	30	19
Werribee City	16	5	3	8	34	34	18
Altona East Phoenix	16	5	2	9	22	30	17
Pascoe Vale	16	5	1	10	27	31	16
Maribyrnong Greens	16	3	1	12	11	54	10

Seniors — SOUTH EAST 2 — Reserves

Diamond Valley Utd 1 (E Awad) Doncaster Rovers 1 (F Korkaric), Northcote City 2 (H Kinigopoulos D Moshis) Eastern Lions 3 (M Verniers RA Markley MJ O'Hare), Casey Comets 4 (B Watson 2 PM Presti C Bichok) Knox City 2 (D Veljovic 2), Chelsea 0 Waverley Wanderers 1 (M Tartaglia), Stonnington City 1 (A D'Ortenzio) Port Melbourne 1 (D Jovanovski), Peninsula Strikers 2 (M Demirkol DD Chisholm) South Springvale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	16	12	1	3	39	17	37
Doncaster Rovers	16	8	6	2	31	18	30
Knox City	16	9	2	5	31	18	29
Stonnington City	16	9	2	5	35	25	29
Chelsea	16	8	2	6	24	22	26
South Springvale	16	6	4	6	22	21	22
Casey Comets	16	6	4	6	21	22	22
Diamond Valley Utd	16	6	4	6	24	31	22
Eastern Lions	16	6	2	8	17	22	20
Port Melbourne	16	4	4	8	17	30	16
Peninsula Strikers	16	2	3	11	15	28	9
Waverley Wanderers	16	2	2	12	12	34	8

Diamond Valley Utd 1 Doncaster Rovers 1, Northcote City 3 Eastern Lions 0, Casey Comets 1 Knox City 1, Chelsea 3 Waverley Wanderers 1, Stonnington City 2 Port Melbourne 0, Peninsula Strikers 0 South Springvale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	16	10	4	2	31	15	34
Peninsula Strikers	16	10	2	4	31	15	32
Doncaster Rovers	16	9	3	4	33	18	30
Eastern Lions	15	8	1	6	31	25	25
Casey Comets	16	6	5	5	33	29	23
Waverley Wanderers	16	6	4	6	29	28	22
Chelsea	16	6	3	7	27	28	21
Northcote City	16	5	5	6	32	31	20
South Springvale	16	6	2	8	17	22	20
Port Melbourne	16	4	4	8	21	36	16
Stonnington City	16	4	2	10	21	39	14
Diamond Valley Utd	15	2	3	10	14	34	9

Seniors — NORTH WEST 3 — Reserves

North Sunshine Eagles 2 (D Huseyin D Ajro) La Trobe University 2 (L Lidestri H Saglam), Geelong Rangers 4 (T Hardy 2 R Clayson J Blackburn) Banyule City 1 (N Papadopoulos), Yarraville Glory 1 (A Vatzakis) Geelong 1 (M Gorosito), Sydenham Park 0 Lalor 0, Laverton Park 2 (R Curatolo J Barra) Sunbury Utd 1 (P Shipp), Westvale 5 (A Inglese G Timotheou 2 S Habibovic A Comito) Lalor Utd 1 (M Jurukovski)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geelong	16	7	6	3	36	20	27
Geelong Rangers	16	7	6	3	37	25	27
Sydenham Park	16	6	7	3	29	18	25
Lalor	16	7	7	2	22	14	25
Westvale	15	7	3	5	25	22	24
Lalor Utd	16	5	6	5	22	24	21
Yarraville Glory	16	5	6	5	18	22	21
Banyule City	16	6	3	7	15	22	21
North Sunshine Eagles	16	5	4	7	26	29	19
La Trobe University	16	4	6	6	18	23	18
Sunbury Utd	16	3	5	8	19	30	14
Laverton Park	15	2	3	10	15	33	9

North Sunshine Eagles 1 La Trobe University 2, Geelong Rangers 2 Banyule City 1, Yarraville Glory 0 Geelong 5, Sydenham Park 2 Lalor 0, Laverton Park 0 Sunbury Utd 0, Westvale 3 Lalor Utd 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
La Trobe University	16	12	3	1	40	12	39
Geelong	16	12	2	2	47	14	38
Sydenham Park	16	9	4	3	34	24	31
Sunbury Utd	16	8	4	4	29	14	28
Westvale	15	7	2	6	27	32	23
Lalor	16	7	2	7	35	24	20
North Sunshine Eagles	16	5	4	7	32	32	19
Banyule City	16	6	1	9	24	34	19
Yarraville Glory	16	5	2	9	21	54	17
Lalor Utd	16	4	1	11	18	30	13
Geelong Rangers	16	3	3	10	24	37	12
Laverton Park	15	2	2	11	15	39	8

Seniors — SOUTH EAST 3 — Reserves

Doveton 1 (M Tidd) Morwell Pegasus 7 (F Albanese 3 D Cassar 2 CT Bell), Southern Suburbs 0 Brandon Park 3 (A Mashoian S Kennedy R Benedos), Berwick City 0 Boroondara Eagles 1 (N(Alexopoulos), Heatherton Utd 1 (J Pekmezovic) Croydon City Arrows 0, Springvale City 0 Endeavour Utd 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Morwell Pegasus	16	11	3	2	36	17	36
Heatherton Utd	16	9	3	4	32	23	30
Springvale City	16	8	2	6	20	22	26
Southern Suburbs	16	7	2	7	24	26	23
Croydon City Arrows	16	6	4	6	22	17	22
Brandon Park	16	5	5	6	22	19	20
Berwick City	16	5	5	6	26	26	20
Boroondara Eagles	16	6	2	8	23	23	20
Doveton	16	5	4	7	28	39	19
North Caulfield	15	3	8	4	17	23	17
Sandringham City	15	4	4	7	24	25	16
Endeavour Utd	16	2	6	8	18	32	12

Doveton 0 Morwell Pegasus 5, Southern Suburbs 3 Brandon Park 0, Berwick City 1 Boroondara Eagles 2, Heatherton Utd 0 Croydon City Arrows 5, Springvale City 0 Endeavour Utd 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	15	12	1	2	35	11	37
Boroondara Eagles	16	11	2	3	28	12	35
Croydon City Arrows	16	9	2	5	33	13	29
Berwick City	16	8	4	4	39	26	28
Endeavour Utd	16	9	0	7	31	26	27
North Caulfield	15	7	2	6	31	20	23
Brandon Park	16	7	2	7	31	26	23
Southern Suburbs	16	7	2	7	27	28	23
Doveton	16	5	4	7	18	21	19
Morwell Pegasus	16	5	2	9	27	27	17
Heatherton Utd	16	3	1	12	12	46	10
Springvale City	16	1	0	15	12	68	3

Seniors — PROVI 1 NORTH WEST — Reserves

Melbourne Tornado 1 (R Blazevic) Corio 4 (D Sobevski D Bolic 2 B Leban), Whittlesea Utd 2 (H Mirik S Mirik) South Yarra 1 (P Ritchie), Plenty Valley Lions 4 (D Stojanovski C Kirkopoulos 2 R Damcevski) Western Eagles 1 (R Zadworny), Glenroy 3 (T Grgic D Peric 2) Melbourne City 1 (H Nunez), Melbourne University Rangers 1 (N Schaer) Avondale Heights 1 (M Jancic), Hume Utd 3 (N Radecki A Kalayci T Markovski) Elwood City 2 (K Djelassi S Hehir)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hume Utd	16	10	5	1	35	15	35
Melbourne Uni Rangers	16	9	1	6	23	23	28
Glenroy	16	9	3	4	32	21	27
Corio	16	8	3	5	18	16	27
Whittlesea Utd	16	7	5	4	26	18	26
Western Eagles	16	6	5	5	28	25	23
Elwood City	16	6	4	6	29	27	22
South Yarra	16	5	4	7	19	17	19
Melbourne City	16	4	5	7	22	27	17
Avondale Heights	15	3	5	7	17	22	14
Plenty Valley Lions	15	4	2	9	21	30	14
Melbourne Tornado	16	2	2	12	19	48	8

Melbourne Tornado 0 Corio 1, Whittlesea Utd 0 South Yarra 2, Plenty Valley Lions 2 Western Eagles 0, Glenroy 0 Melbourne City 0, Melbourne University Rangers 3 Avondale Heights 1, Hume Utd 4 Elwood City 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Uni Rangers	16	13	2	1	45	7	41
South Yarra	16	12	2	2	36	16	38
Plenty Valley Lions	15	8	1	6	23	20	25
Hume Utd	16	6	6	4	32	25	24
Avondale Heights	15	7	3	5	31	24	24
Glenroy	16	7	2	7	26	27	20
Corio	16	5	3	8	21	36	18
Elwood City	16	5	2	9	23	32	17
Whittlesea Utd	16	5	2	9	20	30	17
Melbourne City	16	4	4	8	17	24	16
Western Eagles	16	5	1	10	17	27	16
Melbourne Tornado	16	4	0	12	20	43	12

Seniors — PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST — Reserves

Ashburton 0 Fitzroy City 1 (N Jones), White Star Dandenong 0 Old Melburnians 1 (M Pember), Mooroolbark 2 (L House M Cauteruccio) Noble Park Utd 5 (M Durand 2 Z Vukas D Djuric L Medic), Scotch Old Boys 0 Monbulk 0, Warragul Utd 0 Monash University 3 (J Bucedi LP Johnson 2), Rowville Eagles 0 Nunawading City 2 (AM Adem Own Goal)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noble Park Utd	16	12	2	2	55	21	38
Nunawading City	16	10	4	2	43	14	34
Monbulk	16	10	3	3	42	15	33
Fitzroy City	16	9	3	4	52	25	30
Old Melburnians	16	8	4	4	35	21	28
Scotch Old Boys	16	8	2	6	24	22	26
Mooroolbark	16	6	3	7	32	39	21
Ashburton	16	6	0	10	27	36	18
Monash University	15	4	3	8	21	32	15
Warragul Utd	16	3	5	8	17	30	14
Rowville Eagles	15	3	1	11	18	50	10
White Star Dandenong	16	0	2	14	10	71	2

Ashburton 3 Fitzroy City 1, White Star Dandenong 1 Old Melburnians 3, Mooroolbark 1 Noble Park Utd 1, Scotch Old Boys 0 Monbulk 0, Warragul Utd 1 Monash University 2, Rowville Eagles 3 Nunawading City 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash University	15	10	2	3	40	17	32
Nunawading City	16	9	4	3	39	19	31
Fitzroy City	16	8	6	2	40	24	30
Ashburton	16	9	2	5	29	24	29
Old Melburnians	16	8	3	5	28	23	27
Monbulk	16	7	4	5	24	19	25
Scotch Old Boys	16	6	6	4	29	20	24
Warragul Utd	16	6	4	6	28	31	22
Mooroolbark	16	4	4	8	23	27	16
Noble Park Utd	16	3	3	10	30	38	12
Rowville Eagles	15	3	2	10	19	46	11
White Star Dandenong	16	1	2	13	10	51	5

Seniors — PROVI 2 NORTH WEST — Reserves

Northern Falcons 2 (D Di Pietro A Le Page) Moreland Utd 2 (A Napolitano J Odisho), Bell Park 1 (D Nelson) Darebin Utd 2 (K Aktepe 2), Essendon Utd 8 (C Arvanitakis J Cassar A Imvriotis A Giordano D Meddis 2) Brimbank City 0, North City Lions 6 (M Schiafone M Hana 3 C Barrientos Own Goal) Melton 2 (SR McLelland JA Sobarzo), West Preston 0 Collingwood City 1 (A Moloney), Hoppers Crossing 3 (CJ Harding 2 NB Mladichek) Keon Park 3 (A Gamadid R Caligiuri 2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North City Lions	16	11	3	2	42	20	36
Essendon Utd	15	10	4	1	31	8	34
Collingwood City	16	9	3	4	24	18	30
Moreland Utd	16	8	4	4	31	21	28
West Preston	16	8	2	6	31	26	26
Northern Falcons	15	6	5	4	25	13	23
Hoppers Crossing	15	5	4	6	16	22	19
Keon Park	16	4	5	7	17	21	17
Darebin Utd	16	5	2	9	19	26	17
Melton	16	5	1	10	25	34	16
Bell Park	16	4	3	9	14	30	15
Brimbank City	15	0	2	13	13	49	2

Northern Falcons 6 Moreland Utd 1, Bell Park 1 Darebin Utd 1, Essendon Utd Brimbank City , North City Lions 4 Melton 2, West Preston 0 Collingwood City 2, Hoppers Crossing 3 Keon Park 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North City Lions	16	12	2	2	36	11	38
Essendon Utd	15	9	4	2	38	17	31
Collingwood City	16	8	5	3	31	18	29
Melton	16	6	4	6	24	27	22
Northern Falcons	15	6	3	6	31	27	21
Keon Park	16	5	6	5	25	21	21
Hoppers Crossing	15	6	2	7	22	25	20
Bell Park	16	6	1	9	31	32	19
Moreland Utd	16	5	4	7	28	42	19
West Preston	15	4	4	7	28	31	16
Brimbank City	14	3	3	8	18	41	12
Darebin Utd	16	3	2	11	23	43	11

Seniors — PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST — Reserves

Old Camberwell Grammar 5 (P Spyropoulos GG Efe 3 A Sprekos) Carrum Utd 2 (M Cordoma D D'Angelo), Berwick Kings 0 Mornington 0, Old Trinity Grammarians 0 Dandenong Sparrows 1 (D Ithier), Riversdale 2 (D Begg 2) Old Brighton Grammarians 4 (M Barnett C Zielinski 2 CJ Cook), Lyndale Utd 2 (J Whiteside M Train) Keysborough 0, Whitehorse Utd 3 (J Spittle T Little 2) Caulfield Utd 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mornington	16	9	4	3	36	19	31
Old Camberwell Gram	16	8	5	3	27	20	29
Lyndale Utd	16	9	1	6	34	29	28
Riversdale	15	8	2	5	44	28	26
Old Brighton Gramm	16	7	3	6	32	36	24
Whitehorse Utd	16	6	4	6	23	17	22
Dandenong Sparrows	16	6	3	7	24	30	21
Caulfield Utd	16	6	2	8	26	33	20
Berwick Kings	16	6	1	9	15	28	19
Carrum Utd	15	4	4	7	21	23	16
Keysborough	16	4	4	8	24	28	16
Old Trinity Grammarians	16	4	3	9	20	35	15

Old Camberwell Grammar 1 Carrum Utd 1, Berwick Kings 3 Mornington 4, Old Trinity Grammarians 1 Dandenong Sparrows 2, Riversdale 4 Old Brighton Grammarians 1, Lyndale Utd 2 (D Pehar S Gaffney) Keysborough 0, Whitehorse Utd 0 Caulfield Utd 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Riversdale	16	14	1	1	52	18	43
Old Camberwell Gram	16	10	3	3	40	14	33
Caulfield Utd	16	11	0	5	42	23	33
Old Brighton Gram	16	9	0	7	36	31	27
Lyndale Utd	16	7	3	6	31	31	24
Old Trinity Gram	16	6	4	6	27	30	22
Mornington	16	6	3	7	33	36	21
Whitehorse Utd	16	6	2	8	22	21	20
Keysborough	16	5	3	8	24	30	18
Carrum Utd	16	5	3	8	29	42	18
Dandenong Sparrows	16	5	0	11	25	45	15
Berwick Kings	16	1	0	15	25	65	3

Seniors — PROVI 3 NORTH WEST — Reserves

Bundoora Utd 0 Ascot Vale 1 (H Herrera), Surf Coast 4 (J Taylor R Flanagan MB Jablonski L Falzon) Brunswick Zebras 2 (P Di Lizia BS Holod), Moreland Wolves 1 (C Longo) Dallas Eagles 1 (Y Celik), Brimbank 3 (T Dukovski 2 A Soklevski) Youth Utd 1, Mill Park 1 (P Lazari) Watsonia Heights 0, Epping City 2 (M Nerone T Beer) Northern Utd 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Epping City	16	11	2	3	39	13	35
Watsonia Heights	15	10	2	3	42	19	32
Bundoora Utd	16	9	4	3	28	17	31
Brimbank	16	8	4	4	44	25	28
Youth Utd	15	9	1	5	30	25	28
Brunswick Zebras	16	6	5	5	33	29	23
Surf Coast	16	5	5	6	21	26	20
Mill Park	16	5	4	7	18	32	19
Ascot Vale	16	4	5	7	18	23	17
Moreland Wolves	16	3	4	9	26	42	13
Northern Utd	16	2	4	10	13	39	10
Dallas Eagles	16	1	4	11	11	33	4

Bundoora Utd 2 Ascot Vale 1, Surf Coast 1 Brunswick Zebras 1, Moreland Wolves 2 Dallas Eagles 1, Brimbank 5 Youth Utd 3, Mill Park 0 Watsonia Heights 4, Epping City 5 Northern Utd 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Epping City	16	15	1	0	65	7	46
Brimbank	16	12	1	3	42	19	37
Watsonia Heights	15	10	3	2	43	16	33
Brunswick Zebras	16	9	4	3	39	23	31
Youth Utd	15	7	1	7	41	33	22
Surf Coast	16	6	2	8	40	44	20
Moreland Wolves	16	6	1	9	30	43	19
Ascot Vale	16	5	3	8	28	29	18
Bundoora Utd	16	4	3	9	31	41	15
Northern Utd	16	4	2	10	25	53	14
Dallas Eagles	16	3	3	10	24	55	9
Mill Park	16	1	2	13	9	54	5

Seniors — PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST — Reserves

Eltham North 2 (D Oehme C Melville) Endeavour Hills 3 (A Mustafa 2 N Robinson), Dandenong Warriors 1 (T Nguyen) Keilor Wolves 3 (D Panev 3), Uni. of Melbourne 0 Old Carey 1 (R Stanner), Dandenong City 2 (K Hasanzada B Thaqi) Bayside Argonauts 1 (C Papageorgiou), Seaford Utd 1 (SJ Dillon) Noble Park 1 (A Buhac), Brighton 1 (H Campos) Beaumaris 2 (D Jackson 2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Carey	16	10	3	3	31	20	33
Beaumaris	16	10	2	4	36	23	32
Dandenong City	16	9	2	5	39	29	29
Seaford Utd	16	9	1	6	30	23	28
Endeavour Hills	16	9	1	6	37	33	28
Keilor Wolves	16	8	3	5	35	29	27
Bayside Argonauts	16	8	3	5	29	23	27
Noble Park	16	6	3	7	31	33	18
Dandenong Warriors	16	5	2	9	35	40	17
Uni. of Melbourne	16	4	1	11	17	27	13
Brighton	16	4	0	12	31	48	12
Eltham North	16	2	3	11	26	49	9

Eltham North 3 Endeavour Hills 1, Dandenong Warriors 3 Keilor Wolves 0, Uni. of Melbourne 0 Old Carey 5, Dandenong City 0 Bayside Argonauts 6, Seaford Utd 3 Noble Park 3, Brighton 1 Beaumaris 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Carey	16	14	0	2	53	17	42
Bayside Argonauts	15	12	1	2	47	21	37
Beaumaris	14	10	2	2	53	25	32
Dandenong Warriors	16	10	1	5	49	28	31
Seaford Utd	16	7	6	3	53	34	27
Uni. of Melbourne	16	6	2	8	33	34	20
Dandenong City	16	6	0	10	31	47	18
Brighton	15	5	1	9	28	28	16
Keilor Wolves	16	4	3	9	26	38	15
Endeavour Hills	16	4	1	11	27	53	13
Noble Park	16	3	3	10	33	68	9
Eltham North	16	3	0	13	17	57	9

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ROUND SEVENTEEN FIXTURES

All matches to be played on Saturday 26th July with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

STATE NW 2
Altona City v Werribee City
HC Kim Reserve
Moreland City v Ballarat Red Devils
Campbell Reserve
Williamstown v Cairnlea
JT Gray Reserve
Brunswick City v Maribyrnong Greens
Dunstan Reserve
North Geelong Warriors v Pascoe Vale
Elcho Park
Altona East Phoenix v Thomastown Devils
Paisley Park Soccer Complex

STATE SE 2
Port Melbourne v Chelsea
SS Anderson Reserve Fri 25 Jul 08 8:30PM
Doncaster Rovers v Peninsula Strikers
Anderson Park Fri 25 Jul 08 8:30PM
South Springvale v Stonnington City
Warner Reserve (Springvale)
Waverley Wanderers v Casey Comets
Carlson Ave Reserve
Knox City v Northcote City
Egan Lee Reserve
Eastern Lions v Diamond Valley Utd
Gardiners Creek Reserve

STATE NW 3
Lalor Utd v Laverton Park
HR Uren Reserve
Sunbury Utd v Sydenham Park
Langama Park
La Trobe University v Westvale
Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Fld
Lalor v Yarraville Glory
RGC Cook Reserve
Geelong v Geelong Rangers
Stead Park Reserve
Banyule City v North Sunshine Eagles
Yallambie Park Reserve

STATE SE 3
Sandringham City v Heatherton Utd
RJ Sillitoe Reserve
Morwell Pegasus v Springvale City
Ronald Reserve
Croydon City Arrows v Berwick City
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Boroondara Eagles v Southern Suburbs
Macleay Park
Brandon Park v Doveton
Freeway Reserve
Endeavour Utd v North Caulfield
Reema Reserve Sun 27 Jul 08 3:00PM

PROVI NW 1
Elwood City v Melbourne University Rangers
Elwood Park
Avondale Heights v Glenroy Doyle
Street Reserve
Corio v Hume Utd
Hume Reserve
Melbourne City v Plenty Valley Lions
Edwards Reserve
Western Eagles v Whittlesea Utd
Polish Sports & Rec. Centre
South Yarra v Melbourne Tornado
Fawkner Park

PROVI SE 1
Nunawading City v Warragul Utd
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Monash University v Scotch Old Boys
Monash University Sports Oval
Fitzroy City v Rowville Eagles
Fairfield Park
Monbulk v Mooroolbark
Monbulk Recreation Reserve
Noble Park Utd v White Star Dandenong
WJ Turner Reserve
Old Melburnians v Ashburton
Robert Menzies Reserve

PROVI NW 2
Keon Park v West Preston
JC Donath Reserve
Collingwood City v North City Lions
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Moreland Utd v Hoppers Crossing
Moomba Park Reserve
Melton v Essendon Utd
MacPhersons Park
Brimbank City v Bell Park Arthur
Beachley Reserve
Darebin Utd v Northern Falcons
Mayer Park

PROVI SE 2
Caulfield Utd v Lyndale Utd
Victory Park
Keysborough v Riversdale
Coomoora Reserve
Carrum Utd v Whitehorse Utd
Italo-Australian Club
Old Brighton Gramm v Old Trinity Gramm
Dendy Park
Dandenong Sparrows v Berwick Kings
Fotheringham Reserve
Mornington v Old Camberwell Grammar
Dallas Brooks Park

PROVI NW 3
Northern Utd v Mill Park
Anderson Reserve
Watsonia Heights v Brimbank
Gabonia Reserve
Ascot Vale v Epping City
Fairbairn Park
Youth Utd v Moreland Wolves
Seth Raistrick Reserve
Dallas Eagles v Surf Coast
Tullamarine Reserve
Brunswick Zebras v Bundoora Utd
Balfe Park

PROVI SE 3
Beaumaris v Seaford Utd
North Seaford Reserve
Noble Park v Dandenong City
Norman Luth Reserve
Endeavour Hills v Brighton
Power Reserve
Bayside Argonauts v Uni. of Melbourne
Shipston Reserve
Old Carey v Dandenong Warriors
Carey Sports Complex Wilcox Field
Keilor Wolves v Eltham North
Green Gully Reserve No.4

10 MAN COMETS BLITZ KNOX

Casey Comets 4
Knox City 2
(Half-time 1-0)

In a topsy-turvy round of State League 2, Casey put in a mighty performance to overcome being reduced to ten men after only 19 minutes to beat second placed Knox City 4-2.

Playing against the wind, Knox had the home side penned in their own half for almost this entire period but missed a penalty and then failed to put away the ten men, before Casey grabbed a breakaway goal in the 44th minute.

After this, Knox was always chasing the game and Casey took a two goal cushion soon after the break and though the visitors twice pulled a goal back, poor defence handed back the advantage to a side that battled all day and were ultimately the more hungry side.

The first half started slowly with Knox on the attack but it all came to life in a five minute spell. In the 15th minute, Valadon was brought down in the box but Saunders spot kick was at a perfect height for Acs to make a comfortable save.

Three minutes later, a skirmish saw both Saunders and Bellerini get shown yellow cards. Worse was to follow only a minute later when Bellerini rashly brought down Saunders and he was off for an early bath.

Instead of using the numerical advantage, Knox persisted with the long ball and this allowed Casey to re-group. Jorgensen had to race from his goal to thwart Watson whilst the Casey custodian made a fine save from Hoogendyk.

A minute from the break, Casey struck a vital blow. Knox gave the ball away in attack and a long ball found them exposed at the back and Watson won the foot race before driving the ball across Jorgensen into the far corner of the net.

Worse was to come for Knox two minutes after the interval. After Acs had made another fine save, the home side raced down field and won a corner, which was allowed to drift to the far post where Watson coolly notched his double.

A lot of huff and puff came from Knox after this but they rarely created much until 15 minutes from the end. A left wing corner was headed back across goal to the near post where Daniel Veljovic headed home.

Instead of ramping up the pressure, Knox immediately gifted Casey a third goal. Hughes made a hash of controlling a high ball. In a flash the ball was squared and Presti stepped inside his man and unleashed a fierce shot from the edge of the area that flew into the net via the underside of the bar.

Five minutes later and Knox grabbed another unlikely lifeline. Veljovic raced on to a through ball, beat the offside trap and beat the advancing Acs.

The money would have been on Knox getting something out of the game at this stage but they brought themselves undone in the 88th minute. A free kick into the Casey penalty area was headed clear but Knox had thrown so many players forward that when the ball was transferred quickly to the other end, Casey had the numbers for Bichok to bundle the ball home from close range.

Knox slipped to third place whilst Casey stayed in seventh, but moved another two points closer to safety.

Casey Reserves and Knox City Reserves drew 1-1 in the opening match. With other results helping, Knox maintained its two point advantage at the top of the table.

Casey Comets: R. Acs, K. Petersen, Y. Sivic, A. Ciccarelli, P. Procopio (C. Bichouk – 46th), b. Elmanovski, S. Bellerini (Red card – 19th), S. Ciccarelli (S. Rudzki – 75th), B. Watson, P. Presti (D. Schembri – 86th), D. Terek. Subs not used – J. Maslih, L. Presti.

Knox City: M. Jorgensen, A. Edgar, P. Vejovic, Z. Martinez, A. Asimakidis, J. Hingert, K. Suat, M. Hoogendyk (A. Hughes – 53rd), A. Saunders, J. Valadon, D. Veljovic. Subs not Used: P. Nedza, S. Missaghi, K. McEvoy.

State League SE 2
By Bruce Darnell

BRUNSWICK BLOW BALLARAT OUT OF TITLE RACE

Ballarat Red Devils 0
Brunswick City 3

Brunswick City produced the upset of the round when it effectively ended Ballarat's title hopes with an emphatic 0-3 at Trekardo Park.

Ciantar went into the game with a relatively inexperienced line up especially with the absence of Jackson whose high yellow card count meant that he was unavailable for the game. Ciantar's pre game address highlighted the importance of abstaining from front third free kicks to the opposition with Shaun Romein's exploit from the previous game still etched in his thoughts. Gnidjic on the other hand was hoping for a turn around after their 5-0 drubbing at the hands of North Geelong. It was clearly evident from the first whistle though that Brunswick had come to play and were mentally switched on. Kicking with the aid of cold and gale force wind Brunswick mounted numerous attacks noticing weaknesses in Ballarat's wide full backs. The opening goal came in the 15' of proceeding when a long clearance from Dimitropoulos allowed Gonullu to force his opponent underneath the ball. He inturn pounced onto the loose ball and hit a low cross to Stafrace on the backpost who had time to control and pick his spot giving the Ballarat custodian, Romein, no chance. In contrast to Ballarat's shaky defence Brunswick back four appeared under control through Jim Vouloumanos and Kosta Dokolas. It did not take Brunswick too much longer to double their lead as Athanasopoulos broke free done the left in the 37'. He whipped in a lovely cross to find Stafrace who inturn laid the ball of for Gorcevksi to come in and blast the ball with his left foot. Romein managed to get a hand on the shot but such was the power of the shot that the ball still trickled over the line and into the net. The 2-0 lead was a god send for Brunswick and Ciantar spoke about maintaining a high work rate, slowing the game down and hitting them on the counter if they overcommitted, during his half time address. Ballarat as expected came out after the break full of fire but appeared too predictable and one dimensional. Dimitropoulos did make some good saves both in close and from long range but Brunswick also looked more dangerous when they went forward. They game was put out of reach for Ballarat in the 72' when some excellent interplay between Brunswick's most dangerous players Gorcevski, Stafrace and Athanasopoulos resulted in the final goal of the match. Stafrace found Athanasopoulos unmarked inside the 18 yard box but his first touch took him wide. Spotting Romein off his line Athanasopoulos executed a perfect chip over the keeper and into the unguarded net. Brunswick maintained their miserly efforts in defence giving the home team very little. With the sound of the final whistle the elation of the good win was surely going to make the trek back down the Western Highway a very pleasurable one for the Brunswick boys.

Brunswick City 3
Ballarat Red Devils 0
Goalscorers:Stafrace 15' , Gorcevski 37' Athanasopoulos 72' (Brunswick)

Best:Stafrace, Dokolas, J.Vouluomanos, Athanasopoulos

Line up:Dimitropoulos, Danos, Dokolas, J.Vouloumanos, Gorcevski (Lecarlos 76'), Cicchiti, Karas , Gonullu (Papliakakis 75') , C.Vouloumanos, Stafrace (Tsaboukas 85') Athanasopoulos

State League Div 1
By Lou Simopoulos

YOUNG RED LEGS OUTRUN WHITE EAGLES

Kingston City 2
Springvale White Eagles 1

Springvale White Eagles' hopes of avoiding a relegation battle in State League Division One, are growing dimmer by the round after their 2-1 Round 16 loss away to struggling Kingston City on Friday night.

The encounter pitted a youthful City team lying bottom of the table, against an Eagles side featuring experienced veterans in key positions. One of those veterans, central defender Billy Armour figure prominently in all three goals scored on the night. Two errant passes from the defender on either side of the break, gifted opposing attacker Jasmin Limic with possession. The first of these enabled Limic to provide fellow City striker Anthony Stavridis with the opening goal.

The young Limic again had Armour to thank early in the second half, when he collected the ball from the defender and rifled his shot past the outstretched hand of diving Eagles keeper Kamil Brozstek.

Armour then popped up at the other end to head home a 63rd minute goal from a Balint Arndt cross to give his side a glimmer of hope. Eagles' strikers Feargal O'Colmain and Jonathan Ash both narrowly missed good chances to equalize in injury time for the visitors.

Kingston coach Sam Elmazi commented afterwards, " I saw it as a match between youth and old age. We nearly lost it in the end due to the fact they're a little bit wet behind the ears and they're less experienced. But I think the youth and the legs running for ninety minutes, that's what wore the Eagles down"

Eagles coach Stan Webster didn't mince words afterwards, commenting " We tend to play better against teams above us on the ladder. Against teams below us we don't perform. That's a bad game to lose. Kingston wanted it more than us. Very disappointing. We're staring relegation right down the barrel now."

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JOEYS CLINCH ASEAN CUP

The Qantas Joeys have claimed Australia's first title in the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Football Federation when they won a dramatic penalty shootout against Bahrain in Jakarta on Saturday night.

The ASEAN Football Federation forms part of the larger Asian Football Confederation of which Australia is a member.

Having earlier staged a come from behind 2-1 win over Bahrain during the group stage of the tournament, the Qantas Joeys knew they were in for a difficult match - which proved to be true.

Bahrain took the lead just before the half-time break when Ali Muneer finished off a well-worked counter attack with a simple tap in goal.

The Qantas Joeys applied the pressure in the second half and with seven minutes of regular time remaining, their persistence paid off.

A well delivered corner from Kamal Ibrahim was headed into the top right hand corner by substitute Marc Warren to equalise. The Qantas Joeys mounted a late surge and had three good chances to close the end of the match but unfortunately the winner was not to be found and the final went into extra time.

The Qantas Joeys continued to apply the pressure during extra time, creating many opportunities, but only to be denied by the Bahrain goal keeper who made numerous saves.

After 30 minutes of extra time, the match finished 1-1 and penalties would decide the champion team.

The first two penalties were converted by both teams.

Brendan Hamill missed Australia's third penalty, but the next Bahrain penalty struck the cross bar to keep the Qantas Joeys in the match.

The Penalty shootout then went to sudden death and Bahrain missed their first attempt with Qantas Joeys goal keeper, Lawrence Thomas, making a great diving save to his left. Australia's Kerem Bulut then stepped up and made no mistake as he blasted the winning penalty into the back of the net giving the Qantas Joeys an historic first for Australia in ASEAN, as well as a memorable tournament victory.

In the other match of the evening, Malaysia defeated Singapore 3-0 to take out third place at the tournament.

The Qantas Joeys will now return to Australia to continue their preparations for the AFC Under 16 Youth Championships to be played in Uzbekistan in October.

Match details
Qantas Joeys 1 (Marc Warren 83')
Bahrain 1 (Ali Muneer Redha 44')
Qantas Joeys win 5-4 on penalties
Saturday 19 July 2008
Lebak Bulus Stadium, Jakarta, Indonesia

Qantas Joeys: Lawrence Thomas (gk), Nathan Farrell, Petar Franjic, Brendan Hamill (C), Koh Satake (Marc Warren 70'), Nikola Stanojevic, Christopher Bush (Tedros Yabio 77'), Jared Lum, Kamal Ibrahim, Joseph Costa (Million Butshiire 65"), Kerem Bulut.
Substitutes Not Used: Robert Kolak (gk) , Benjamin Harrington, Benjamin Kantarovski, Chahine Noujaim, Trent Sainsbury.

Yellow Cards: Kerem Bulut, Marc Warren, Nathan Farrell
Red Cards: Nil

SOCCEROOS MATCHES ANNOUNCED

The road to South Africa for the 2010 FIFA World Cup is being mapped out at Football Federation Australia (FFA) with the announcement of two prestigious international matches in August and September to kick-off the next stage of the World Cup qualifying campaign as well as qualifiers for the 2011 Asian Cup.

The Qantas Socceroos will meet the 2010 World Cup hosts, South Africa, in London on 19 August and the Netherlands in Eindhoven on 6 September.

"It's all part of the road that leads to the door of the 2010 FIFA World Cup," said FFA CEO, Ben Buckley.

"We said we would leave no stone unturned in doing everything we can off the park to help Australia qualify for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, and the same goes for the 2011 Asian Cup.

"Coach Pim Verbeek sees these two international matches as important opportunities to get the squad together and to work with the players in a match environment."

As hosts of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, South Africa is the only team guaranteed of a berth at the tournament.

"With many of South Africa's first team players also based in England and elsewhere in Europe, meeting them in London is an efficient and valuable opportunity for both of us," Buckley said.

The teams last met in 2005 in Durban with a 1-1 draw, but previously met in London in 2004 with Australia winning 1-0.

The Netherlands game will be played four days before Australia's crucial World Cup qualifier against Uzbekistan on 10 September.

"It's important that we go into the Uzbekistan game with as much preparation as possible, and playing a team which is ranked 5th in the world and made the quarter finals of Euro 2008 will give us just what we need at that time," Buckley said.

It is also a warm-up match for the Dutch team which is set to meet Macedonia in a World Cup qualifier on 10 September, and will be the first game with new coach Bert van Marwijk in charge.

Australia has only met the Netherlands once before – in a warm-up match prior to the 2006 FIFA World Cup resulting in a 1-1 draw in a highly competitive workout for both teams.

Australia v South Africa will take place on Tuesday 19 August at Loftus Road, the home ground of Queens Park Rangers, with the kick-off time to be confirmed. Netherlands v Australia will take place at Philips Stadium, Eindhoven, on Saturday 6 September with kick-off time of 8.45pm local.

These two games bring the Qantas Socceroos' confirmed match schedule over the next 12 months to 12 matches including two Asian Cup qualifiers.

"It's a busy schedule," Buckley said. "But it's also precisely why we wanted to be part of the Asian Football Confederation.

"We have regular, high quality competitive matches with real meaning and real context that fans want to see."

Buckley said that more competitive matches for the Qantas Socceroos will lead to improved standards and greater growth and development in the game in Australia.

As with all matches in the Qantas Socceroos' road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup, the South African and Netherlands matches

FOOTBALL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA

SERMANI NAMES MATILDAS SQUAD

Matildas Coach Tom Sermanni has named an 18 player squad for next week's international friendly against Japan in Kobe, Japan.

The Matildas have had a whirlwind international schedule in the weeks following the Asian Cup in May, as highly sought-after opponents to other women's teams preparing for the Beijing Olympics.

Japan is one of three women's teams from the Asian Football Confederation to participate in the 12 team Women's Football Tournament at the Olympic Games, with the other two including Korea and hosts, China.

"Our rebuilding process continues to accelerate with this match, as we look to replace experienced players who are unavailable such as Kate McShea and Cheryl Salisbury.

"With Di Alagich also retired, we have a spot to fill on a long term basis also, and this game is another opportunity for me to look at younger players in a competitive match situation," said Sermanni.

"The positive aspect about being such popular opponents is that it gives young players a good chance to impress and to become match hardened at the international level."

The Matildas will depart Australia on Monday and meet Japan on Thursday 24 July (Kick-Off 5.00pm AEST) at the Homes Stadium in Kobe as part of a double-header match which will also see the Qantas Under 23s take on the Japan Under 23 Men's Team at the same venue later in the day.

This match is anticipated to be the final match for some months for the Matildas who are next schedule to play again in an ASEAN Football Federation tournament in October.

MATILDAS SQUAD
Goalkeepers: Melissa Barbieri, Lydia Williams
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Forwards: Caitlin Munoz, Leena Khamis, Lisa De Vanna, Kathryn Gill, Kyah Simon

MATCH DETAILS
Japan v Australia (Women)
Japan Under 23s v Australia (Men)
Thursday 24 July 2008
Homes Stadium, Kobe, Japan
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BOO'S WORLD

With Mark Boric

Did anyone else wonder when they heard Sydney had been taken over by pilgrims, why were so many Plymouth Argyle fans visiting the New South Wales capital? In these days of the English Premiership becoming more dominant, and the internet and pay-tv allowing people to follow the other European leagues more closely, do the youth of today even know about the nicknames of the lower division British leagues?

You need to be of the generation of Shoot! and Match magazine and their massive league tables to understand what I'm talking about. Every pre-season over several weeks they would give away the table charts that would lead to hours of painstaking maintenance.

First would come the charts themselves. The various leagues were listed, a little slit alongside each place on the ladder. Then came the team tabs, which were to be torn of the cardboard and placed in the slots of the table. They were all in club colours, usually with the home ground and nickname listed in the part of the tab which hid behind the chart when it was positioned.

So if you updated the tables when the results came in every Monday you would eventually learn a little about most of the clubs. The nicknames were many and varied. Their were simple ones, like Aldershot were "The Shots". Arsenal, of course were the Gunners, but I usually called them something else which can't be published here. Aston Villa, the Villans, is another obvious one, with Barnsley being The Tykes more along the lines of what I am romanticising about. Blackpool's "The Seasiders", like many, came from geographical connotations. AFC Bournemouth, like the bulk of the others, derived theirs from the colours, their red strip earning "The Cherries" moniker. Then came the ones that were a little more obscure, like Bolton Wanderers being "The Trotters". Mighty Bradford City are "The Bantams". Brentford being "The Bees".

Brighton and Hove Albion pick up "The Seagulls" through their seaside location, and another bird gets a gig at Bristol City who are "The Robins". Bristol Rovers are "The Pirates". In a battle of the mascots, that local derby would always go the pirates way.

Burnley go with colours, being "The Clarets". Bury are "The Shakers". Which is quite novel. Cardiff City are "The Bluebirds', with flying creatures starting to become dominant. Carlisle United went geographical, adopting "The Cumbians". Like some on internet forums today, Charlton Athletic couldn't get enough nicknames and used "Haddicks", "Robins" and "Valiants". Before Roman, Chelski was simply "The Blues". As was Chester City. Chesterfield were also "The Blues" but for some variety also used "The Spireites".

Colchester United were the "U's", because United can be a pretty long word to chant at times. Coventry City are the "Sky Blues", which is clearly one of the more dominant colours.

Crew Alexandra are "The Railwaymen". Maybe Melbourne Victory could be the Connex?

Crystal Palace are "The Eagles". Darlington are more exotic, being "The Quakers". Derby County are "The Rams" but last season it seemed they were the ones copping the rammings.

Everton, of course, are "The Toffees". Exeter City are "The Grecians". Fulham are "The Cottagers". Gillingham are a little less imaginative, simple being "The Gills".

Grimsby Town are "The Mariners". Halifax Town are "The Shaymen". Huddersfield Town are also "The Terriers". Hull City are "The Tigers" finally reaching the top flight long after the great Keith Edwards finishing banging the goals away. Leicester City are "The Filberts", as in the street of their ground, or "The Foxes" as in their logo.

Lincoln City are "The Red Imps". Luton Townb are "The Hatters". Mansfield Town are "The Stags". All of which are quality.

Middlesbrough, "The Boro", being less so. Millwall are "The Lions". Their fans, well no one likes them and they don't care.

Newcastle United were "The Magpies" long before they wanted Mark Viduka to feel at home. Northampton Town are "The Cobblers" as in people who make shoes. Norwich City are "The Canaries". Notts County are also "The Magpies". Oldham Athletic are "The Latics". Which has been known to cast fear to many.

Peterborough United are "The Posh" Maybe they will sign David Beckham one day. Plymouth Argyle, if you hadn't worked it out, are "The Pilgrims". Cup Final heroes Portsmouth are "Pompey" as we all know now. Port Vale are "The Valiants". Reading are "The Royals", Rochdale simply "The Dale". The fun-lovers at Rotherham United are "The Merry Millers". Scunthorpe United are "The Iron". Sheffield United are "The Blades". Sheffield Wednesdsay are "The Owls" and Southampton are "The Saints", the holiest of all being Matthew Le Tissier.

Southend United are "The Shrimpers", possibly supported by Forrest Gump's army buddy Bubba, who knew the shrimping business inside out. Stoke City are "The Potters". Sunderland used to be "The Rokerman" but now favour Black Cats. Swansea City are "The Swans". Swindon Town are more "Robins". Torquay United are "The Gulls". Walsall are "The Saddlers". Watford bee "The Hornets". West Bromwich Albion also favoured a few names, being "The Throstles", "Albion" and more dominantly, "The Baggies".

Wimbledon were "The Dons". Now they are Milton Keynes Dons. Wolverhampton Wanderers are simply "Wolves". York City are "The Minstermen". Wrexham are more "Robins". No Batmans anywhere.

KATSA'S KORNER

With George Katsamboukas

KATSA'S KORNER

6-21

A strong whisper doing the rounds this week that will certainly affect the sales of Valium, J Walker, private psychology sessions and e-tag top ups for trips to the Westgate…

Is that the House of Darebin may change the relegation/promotion formula mid stream or should I say this year, as the term mid stream is commonly used by Doctors who ask patients to provide a urine sample.

If this is true, it will certainly be music to the ears of many Club Powerbrokers whose teams are currently Westgate bound.

What has bought about this potential change of heart?

The about face regarding the 2008 Summer League.

Time will tell if this is true, let's see if I'm on the money.

State 2 South East certainly had some interesting results this weekend, where the top 5 teams all dropped points.

Northcote ("Out We Come. Out We Come, Out We Come To Play"), City lost to Eastern Lions, Knox lost to Cranbourne, Chelsea Lost to Waverley Wanderers and Stonnington City shared the points with Port Melbourne, whilst Doncaster and Diamond Valley also shared the spoils.

Great weekend for the bookmakers in the UK, with all the favourites going down.

State One has also hotted up with both the Sunshine Georgies and Dandenong Thunder dropping points on the weekend; however the battle royale will be played out at the wrong end of the table where 7 teams are still in the race for E-Tags for the Westgate at seasons end.

6 weeks to go, anything can happen!

As all players going thru a slump, The Scorer is currently out of form as there has been minimal activity in the Foxtel Cup, so he has decided to drop down a few Leagues to see if he can improve his game.

And there have been some Coaching Casualty's in the lower Leagues.

Out Cranbourne way we go home of the Casey Comets, and very close to the scene of many a big Saturday Nights for Katsa back in the Days, The Cranbourne Greyhound track, where Dale White is no longer the gaffer.

Statistics show that when a Coach is replaced, the new coach will win his first game.

And this was certainly the case the weekend that went past with Casey getting the 3 points over Knox.

Over we go to another Greyhound track, Sandown, where South Springvale are located nearby, where there is a strong rumour doing the rounds that they parted company with their coach straight after their loss to Peninsula Strikers.

The Scorer will continue to scour the lower leagues to keep everyone updated on the coaching changes, as they come to hand.

Now to the finer side of Soccer, where Richmond Eagles are currently under threat off the park.

Seems that the Black forest cake that currently has the Katsa award for the best Desert at a soccer venue is being challenged by what's on offer at the Veneto Club.

Whilst all the punters were lining up at the Bar after last Mondays game between Bullen and Clifton Hill, (G'day Mickey), Katsa's eye went straight for the Desert Bar, which had quality Italian Deserts.

The Lemon number was finished off quicker than a bottle of J Walker smuggled into Port Phillip Prison.

Other Punters were looking for a different kind of Happy Ends and that is with the Poker Machines, where one lucky punter cleaned up!

Until next week,

This is Katsa – Just as you've known him.

And remember, Katsa is always IN THE GAME!.

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TSIGAN'S TSIGAR With Mike Lilikakis

EBB

I'm not wont to bag institutions unless they endorse the wholesale slaughter or destruction of genus or species.
Seems dictates that the current trend of wanton paperwork sent to the FFV is being misplaced, lost, or held back, at the chagrin and demise of clubs who are now being punished for being a tad lackadaisical and slothful.

This is the latest flavour of calamitous brew eschewed within the ranks of bureaucracy at HQ in this sad, sorry State.
Without divulging into the intricacies of the latest saga of point deduction, if paperwork is costing teams Premiership points and a spot in the awesome foursome a serious question or two has to be raised.

Slot machining fees from clubs via fines and appeals processes gives no value or credence to any sporting institution. Fur shame!!!
Football is far cry from what the Capos, Underbosses and Godfathers are portraying.
I digress slightly, but am leaning towards the left today.
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ZUGZWANG

If that was a German word I would be enraptured.
Just because it's Chinese doesn't it make less valuable. The Chinese built the Great Wall, and the Germans only built a Berlin Wall.

Big difference.

For one thing, the Huns and Mongols had to trek thousands of kilometers to get around it, the Germans couldn't be bothered per se, as they were too busy shouting "Schnell" on route to another Bundesliga/Euro/WorldCup title.

Again, this has nothing to do with racism or football. I just love throwing historical rhetoric, as talking about football for more than five minutes freaks me out. Rather glad the editor is too concerned about Bocce on a Sunday arvo when this gets submitted.

I can't play chess.
Not like the pros anyway.
What characterizes a pro in chess?

The ability to belittle your opponent with three moves that you think are silly and then you get check mated?
Construing the nature of the game as a life or death battle of wit?
Having a really bizarre sounding surname, which means something martensite in the village you were born in, back in the "Motherland"?

I gave up on trying to be a chess player several years ago to concentrate on jousting and jesting.
So far, so good.
Sanitarium style.
It's easy to put a smile on someone's face when you laugh so hard at yourself that your mirror keeps sniggering five minutes after you leave the room.
Ramming an opponent with a 3 meter stick on horseback is a little more challenging, but also a good laugh.
Rook meets Knight, held up by a Pawn then gets done by the Queen who is taken by the Bishop next to the Castle.
Maaaaaaaate!
Great footy.

SHAKEN AND STIRRED

Hands up if you went to school, worked with or met a bloke called James Bond?
Put 'em down.
How could they not possibly get paid out with jibes, jokes and smarminess?
The parents would undoubtedly have to face up to the music at some stage and take some heat for the outpsych. This youngster was another gun talent, destined to reach the heights of infamy and stardom if not for the pentimento of the Ian Fleming spy with the same infamous namesake.

How many Jimmy Hendrix's, Jim Morrison's, Janis Joplin's and Bob Marley's are out there roaming our fields of gold?
Perchance you've bumped into Nikita Khrushchev and Katsa's favorite, Ray Jay Walker last time you watched Wide Wog of Sport.
I think not.

Ask yourself if your name is worthy of infamy, and if not, change it to something which would raise eyebrows or bicep curls next year or two.
Why settle for mediocrity just because your name is John Smith?
Mix and match names for prosperity's sake, because "Apple" and "Sunday" don't mean much unless your surname is "Pie" or "Roast".

I can only surmise under duress that these kids will not only be traumatized by not having common names, but will inevitably rise up and take over the way we live as we know it in 30 years time.

Damien Thorne was a daring look into the mystical prose of Armageddon it, but was lacking a Def Leppard to make it come to fruition.
Beware the Ides of March coming to you live in April, on Friday the 13th at 11:11am.
Heil Hail.

RE: FURRY

We need refs. The task of one is unenviable to say the least. They take abuse throughout their tenure, and the decisions they make are subject to intense scrutiny. Without the luxury of replays and multiple camera angles they are expected to ensure fair play and make the players abide by the rules.

Players on the other hand, deny all wrongdoing by putting pressure on the ref in order to get their way, and generally try to deceive to gain an advantage wherever possible.
When you hear comments by refs like, "When my eyesight started to fade, I decided to take up refereeing", you start to wonder what the meaning of impartiality is.

Innocuous challenges, career ending shockers and blatant fouls are heinous, but what is anathema is what happens straightway and thereafter.
The pleading.
The justification.
The remonstrance.
The three finger gesture.
The WILD card with a DRAW FOUR written on it.

Flag happy air traffic controllers are by far the worst culprits. I have experience the stupidity of said wannabe ref, who put his flag up EVERY through ball played and then agreed to swap with a jovial spectator at the 70 minute mark.

Players that swear aren't generally unhappy about the decision against them, they're just venting frustration.
I say, better on the park my laddie, rather than directed at the wife, kids and pets.
Let's get it together boys and grommets.
Let's get back on track and hold hands before the game and tell each other that it's just a game, and then buy each other a few souvo's and burgers after the scrap.

Otherwise the game will go online and off the park with the Playstation Generation and that will be that.
No nuts, Nobby's or otherwise.

SPQR
Sic Transit Gloria
I had no idea Gloria was sick.
Tsigan United FC

FINAL RUN HOME GOES DOWN TO THE WIRE

2008 has seen the reintroduction of the Devine Homes Final 5 Series for the Super League by the Football Federation SA, but with only three rounds to go until season's end, the battle for the top five positions is going down to the wire. In the history of the final five series, never has there been a closer run home than this one, with one of any seven teams from 3rd to 9th position vying for finals qualification but all still with the possibility of dropping to the second relegation spot.

Damian Mori celebrates with young Patrick DeRuvo who he has taken under his watchful wing.

Adelaide City with 34 points are in the box seat sitting top of the ladder, 4 points clear of title contenders MetroStars and a game in hand. Despite two losses, the 2007 Champions have once again been the team to beat this season, showing the way with their super quality of football each week. Across the whole park the team is performing superbly, led from the back by keeper Ben Moore, the defence, midfield and forwards under the direction of coach Damian Mori are working like a well-oiled machine, many times coming over the top of their opposition in the dying moments of a match to secure maximum points. Recent debutant and young rising star, striker Patrick DeRuvo has been brilliant, his partnership up front with veteran goal scoring supremo Damian Mori an absolute pleasure to watch. He plays with great maturity, making full use of opportunities that are being presented to him to score, taking on board all the skills, knowledge and experience that Mori has been passing onto him as his protégé. No argument here that a bright football future is in store for this young man.

In 2nd spot on 30 points MetroStars sit in a precarious position, chasing the league leaders for the Premiership title but now starting to run out of games to do so. Although 4 points doesn't seem like a big gap to make up, they have a similar run home to the 2007 Champions, heavily banking on victory for all three of their matches while hoping that City's opposition can spoil the party. Their 1-1 draw against the Adelaide Blue Eagles last weekend turned the screws on the pressure pack just that little bit tighter.

Next any one of seven teams can make the top five positions at this stage of the season with only 7 points separating 3rd spot right down through to 9th. Adelaide Galaxy with their 1-0 win over Modbury Jets gained a valuable three points, now sitting on 24 points but not out of the woods by any means. Coach Carl Maynard now relies on his chargers to give their all with their run to the finish line. Para Hills Knights are the current movers and shakers, their 3-1 win at home over the forlorn Croydon Kings rocketing them up from 7th spot to 4th on 21 points. They are finding form just at the right time with coach Rob Ditroia working hard to maintain that intensity as planned. Teetering on 20 points Blue Eagles sit in 5th spot one of the hardest to defend. In their final three matches they take on White City, Raiders and Croydon, three teams all sitting at the bottom end of the ladder but all capable of mustering up a tough challenge for any team. Coach Pat de Vita is hoping the momentum continues with his boys to secure a place in the finals and cap off their 50th Anniversary year on a positive note.

Just out of the five for the moment on 19 points but with a game in hand, the Red Devils Campbelltown City chase those above and need to get something out of the game on Monday night against Adelaide City to keep them in the loop. Unfortunately history shows this will be a tough challenge for them to meet, as the black and whites have the wood on them, with defeats of 3-0 in Round 6 and 2-1 in the Quarter Final of FFSA Cup. On paper Coach Rocky Aloisi has a stable of big name stars that are no strangers to playing quality football and are very capable of rising to the occasion, something he hopes they will be successful in doing. Raiders sit in 7th spot with their win over local derby team White City Warriors over the weekend, settling the score with one win a piece in their two outings this year. Coach Branko Milosevic who knows the pressures of football well, was relieved with the return of Aaron Westervelt during the week and his short trial stint in Greece over, coming back to continue his good form of late. Sitting on equal points with Raiders are the Modbury Jets, who retrospectively speaking have had a fairly successful season and some stirling results. Unfortunately it seems each time they suffer a loss, they find themselves dangling ever so close to the bottom two relegation places, something that long time coach Duane Gray would not want as part of his coaching record this season. Their run home is a difficult one, facing the top two teams in the last three matches. Their fighting spirit may see them get over the line and avoid relegation.

White City Warriors have dropped a spot with their loss to Raiders over the weekend and now sit in the second of the relegation positions. Since taking over the reins in Round 3, experienced coach Adrian Santrac has brought the best out of his team and will be stirring up all emotions within his lads to finish off the year on a positive note avoiding relegation. Bottom of the table dwellers Croydon Kings have had a huge season and a steep learning curve of what it takes to compete in the Super League. Although coach Paul Shillabeer's boys have been putting in some very competitive performances led by their courageous captain Joe Lagana, they have not taken away any spoils or rewards as such, a win for the club still the elusive prize to be had this season. They play MetroStars, White City and Blue Eagles in their final three games and wish for that prize to become a reality.

By Nat Adamopoulos

Photo by George Manos

FOOTBALL WEST STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Sorrento FC	13	8	3	2	38	23	15	27
Floreat Athena	13	8	1	4	25	16	9	25
Inglewood U	12	8	1	3	25	18	7	25
Cockburn City	13	7	3	3	30	27	3	24
Perth	12	6	3	3	27	23	4	21
Mandurah City	12	6	2	4	36	23	13	20
ECU Joondalup	13	6	2	5	33	23	10	20
Stirling Lions	12	4	4	4	23	17	6	16
Swan I.C. SC	13	4	3	6	28	30	-2	15
Western Knights	13	4	1	8	21	31	-10	13

SUPER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Adelaide City	14	11	1	2	30	11	19	34
MetroStars	15	9	3	3	29	14	15	30
Adelaide Galaxy	15	7	3	5	29	23	6	24
Para Hills	15	6	3	6	20	23	-3	21
Blue Eagles	15	5	5	5	16	17	-1	20
Campbelltown	14	5	4	5	15	16	-1	19
Raiders	15	4	6	5	27	21	6	18
Modbury	15	5	3	7	18	23	-5	18
White City	15	5	2	8	16	24	-8	17
Croydon	15	0	4	11	11	39	-28	4

NEW A-LEAGUE FACES FROM THE NSWPL

Australia's national competition, the Hyundai A-League, begins in less than a month, and it will receive its usual infusion of new blood from the various state leagues this season. Goal! Weekly takes a look at the newcomers from the NSW Premier League.

With NSW's premier football competition, the Vodafone Premier League, drawing to a close, a few of the clubs will be losing some of their prized youngsters to A-League clubs for the 2008/09 season. And with several A-League squads not yet filled, there are others who have earned close attention from the national league's managers and scouts.

19-year-old **David D'Apuzzo** of APIA-Leichhardt has joined his brother Adam in the national competition, signing a one-year deal with the Central Coast Mariners.

The younger D'Apuzzo, like his Newcastle Jets sibling, is a versatile left-sided player who likes getting forward. Employed in a left wing-back position at APIA for much of the season, he has been consistently impressive in terms of providing the extra man in attack. His defensive instincts are not quite as sound, however: in a recent fixture, he was regularly caught napping by Macarthur's Craig Cooley; his positioning is an aspect of his game that needs work.

Not quite as accomplished on the ball as his brother **Adam**, he nevertheless possesses a modicum of pace and good physical strength. One would expect him to be an understudy to Dean Heffernan for the upcoming season, but his versatility suggests that individual injuries or dips in form at Bluetongue Stadium could see him step up to the Mariners' first team.

Another youngster to have caught the eye of an A-League club is Manly United's **Chris Payne**, who is only 17 years old. Like Adam Biddle in 2007/08, Payne has been signed despite hardly having played a full 90 minutes in the senior Manly side; he has generally been used as a substitute, operating in a right-sided attacking role for the most part.

His NSWPL cameos have been less than convincing thus far: although possessed of good pace, neat skills and considerable enterprise, he has shown a certain lack of precision in front of goal. Having said this, he greatly impressed Sydney FC fans in his recent appearance in a trial match against his former club, scoring two impressive goals for John Kosmina's team.

Sydney FC are, for once, not short of options up front in 2008/09: it is likely that Payne will be used as an impact substitute, as he has been at Manly.

A player who has been rather more impressive than Payne in the NSWPL is Sutherland's **Brendan Gan**. Although he has been signed to Sydney FC's youth team rather than the main squad, John Kosmina recently indicated that he would be keen to use Gan in case of injuries and suspensions, as per the new rules regarding short-term recruiting.

Gan is a lively, constructive midfielder who, as they say, knows where the goal is. In perhaps his most impressive performance in the NSWPL so far this season, he scored two very well-taken goals against Sydney Olympic, right-footed and left-footed, to help his side to a 3-0 win over one of their rivals for the title.

OTHERS:

Plenty of other players have excelled in the NSWPL this season, and may yet be added to the 2008/09 A-League squads. Both the Central Coast Mariners and Sydney FC have shown an interest in **Pedje Bojic**, Sutherland's classy sweeper who specializes in surging runs upfield. Bojic already boasts professional experience in England, and will surely make the step up to the A-League before long.

Robert Younis has been trialling with Adelaide United, and both Aurelio Vidmar and John Kosmina recently made a trip to Lambert Park to check on the prolific APIA-Leichhardt forward's progress. A big, imposing frontman, Younis also possesses a thunderous left foot, and is a specialist at close-range free kicks.

Sydney FC are looking to fill the left-back slot that was such a problem for them in 2007/08, and the two candidates for the role are Manly's **Joey Schirripa** and **Shannon Cole** of Sydney Olympic. Schirripa, a veteran of the NSL, has earned widespread praise for his performances with Manly (he also scored one of the goals of the NSWPL season some weeks ago against the West Sydney Berries). He has already figured in some of Sydney FC's trial games.

Cole, known for his wickedly accurate free kicks, has only just returned to the Olympic side after recovering from a nagging injury. He, too, has made appearances for Kosmina's side in trial matches, and could potentially benefit Sydney FC in the dead-ball department, now that Ufuk Talay has left.

David D'Apuzzo

SOUTH HOBART PULL 3 POINTS CLEAR

South Hobart showed they have what it takes to win the southern Tasmanian Premier League title when they downed second-placed Hobart Olympic 1-0 at KGV Park on Saturday night.

Despite being without three key players, South Hobart dominated the match and a marvellous 39th minute goal by Greg Downes gave them victory.

A move involving Billy Gasparinatos, Jonathon Ladic and David Abbott ended with Ladic releasing Downes in the inside-right channel and the youngster finished clinically with a low shot beyond Olympic keeper Dmitri Nester.

Fifteen-year-old Downes leaves for the UK next week for trials with Premier League outfit Sunderland and Division One club Walsall.

Olympic badly missed injured striker Kosta Grillas, while Nester had to be replaced midway through the second half because of injury.

Tilford Zebras moved into second-placed after demolishing fifth-ranked University 7-2 at KGV Park on Friday night.

This followed the Zebras' 4-1 triumph over sixth-placed Clarence United the previous Sunday, the goals coming from Andrew Telega, Daniel Lapolla, Brett Pullen and Ben Crosswell. Dwayne Walsh netted Clarence's consolation goal.

Ricky Self gave Zebras the lead against University, but goals by Alexis Bull and Julian Proud put the Students in front.

Michael Connolly equalised for the Zebras in the 57th minute, but Luke Temby missed a great chance to restore University's lead a minute later when his shot hit a post.

That was the signal for the Zebras to take over and two goals by Aaron Brazendale propelled them to a 4-2 lead.

A goal by Henry Fagg and two late strikes by substitute Josh Thorpe completed the rout.

It was University's heaviest defeat of the season and was in stark contrast to their performance the week before when they whipped bottom-side Taroona 6-1.

Will Roberts gave Taroona a shock lead, but two goals by Luke Temby and one each by Alexis Bull, Aaron Hindmarsh and Jon Foley-Donoghue, as well as an own-goal, gave the Students their win.

Taroona earned a point in a shock 2-2 draw with fourth-placed Glenorchy Knights on Saturday.

After a goalless opening half, Taroona led 2-0 through strikes by Tom Sherman and Toby Dove, but a late penalty by Tom Huigsloot and a clever chip by Josh Fielding earned the Knights a point.

Eighth-placed Kingborough Lions United beat sixth-ranked Clarence United 4-1 away at Wentworth Park on Saturday, a header by Charles White, following a corner, and a penalty by Marcello Marchioli putting the Lions 2-0 up within the opening 7 minutes.

Kingsborough's Marc Iseli heads clear against Clarence

Tom McDonald made it 3-0 in the 44th minute before Jacob Kavanagh reduced the arrears in injury time with a goal from a cross from wide on the right which sailed over the goalkeeper and lodged inside the far post.

The Lions' goalkeeper, Jason Voss, saved a penalty by Dwayne Walsh, while Clarence also hit the post. Ross Hinkley made it 4-1 for the visitors early in the second half.

In the northern Tasmanian Premier League, Devonport City increased their lead at the top with a 5-1 win over Prospect Knights, while Northern Rangers were held to a 2-2 draw by Burnie United.

Third-last Launceston City finally hit form when they thrashed second-last Launceston United 5-0, while bottom-side Ulverstone lost 3-1 to fellow North-West Coast outfit Somerset.

SOUTH TPL STANDINGS

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South Hobart	13	10	1	2	42	12	31
Hobart Olympic	13	9	2	2	39	23	29
Tilford Zebras	13	9	1	3	53	20	28
Glen Knights	13	8	1	4	32	21	25
University	13	7	2	4	25	18	23
Clarence Utd	13	5	2	6	21	26	17
NT Eagles	13	3	3	7	12	22	12
Kingboro Lions	13	2	5	6	19	37	11
Metro FC	13	2	1	10	17	39	7
Taroona	13	0	2	11	13	55	2

NORTH TPL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Devonport City	11	9	1	1	41	9	28
Nthrn Rangers	12	8	3	1	36	12	27
Prosp Knights	12	8	1	3	27	15	25
Burnie United	12	7	2	3	24	24	23
Somerset	11	6	0	5	27	16	18
River Olympic	12	4	1	7	20	26	13
Launceston C	11	1	4	6	16	27	7
Launceston U	12	2	1	9	12	45	7
Ulverstone	11	0	1	10	8	37	1

By Walter Pless

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Classic Quotes

If this can be termed the century of the common man, then soccer, of all sports, is surely his game.... In a world haunted by the hydrogen and napalm bomb, the football field is a place where sanity and hope are still left unmolested.
~Stanley Rous, 1952

Five days shalt thou labour, as the Bible says. The seventh day is the Lord thy God's. The sixth day is for football. *~Anthony Burgess*

Football is the opera of the people.
~Stafford Heginbotham, 1985

A sport where the players actually enjoy getting hit in the head by a ball.
~Soccer advertisement, published for the MetroStars Major League Soccer team, 1997

Concerning football playing, I protest to you it may rather be called a friendly kind of fighting, rather than recreation. *~Author Unknown*

In Latin America the border between soccer and politics is vague. There is a long list of governments that have fallen or been overthrown after the defeat of the national team.
~Luis Suarez

If you're attacking, you don't get as tired as when you're chasing.
~Kyle Rote, Jr.

VICTORY EARNS ITS STRIPES AGAINST ZEBRAS

Whittlesea Zebras 0
Melbourne Victory 2

Coach Ernie Merrick may have missed the opening minutes, but he arrived at Epping Soccer Stadium in time to see Ney Fabiano and Nick Ward score in Melbourne Victory's 2-0 trial match win against the Whittlesea Zebras.

However Merrick, who was caught in traffic after returning from the annual Hyundai A-League coaches' forum in Sydney, revealed that Victory's promising display was marred by an injury to Captain Kevin Muscat.

"It was a good performance," Merrick said.

"We've been working on possession play and closing down hard on the opposition when they've got the ball and we did both of those jobs really well.

"We created a number of chances and it's a bit disappointing that we didn't score more goals.

"There's one downside, a slight tear in the hamstring muscle of Kevin Muscat, which will put him out for probably two weeks."

Victory welcomed back Ward, Rodrigo Vargas, Sebastian Ryall and Nathan Elasi for its second trial match in as many weeks and produced a clinical exhibition that saw Ney Fabiano score on seven minutes.

The Brazilian forward positioned himself near the penalty spot calmly converted a pinpoint pass from Tom Pondeljak, registering his first goal in Victory colours to the delight of the crowd of around 3000.

Victory dominated possession and was denied a second goal by the crossbar when Danny Allsopp fired a powerful shot, while Whittlesea's closest chance came just before half time in a goalmouth scramble that saw the ball fly over the target.

Ward doubled Victory's lead on 74 minutes courtesy of an Allsopp assist before young goalkeeper Mitchell Langerak ensured the Victorian Premier League side remained scoreless with a penalty save in the dying stages.

"The backline of (Matthew) Kemp, Vargas, Muscat and (Michael) Thwaite had very good game," Merrick added.

"We gave the ball away too much in midfield, but the combination of Ney Fabiano, who had an outstanding game, and Danny Allsopp was very good.

"Tom Pondeljak showed flashes of what he can do and set up the first goal, plus he should've scored one that hit the side netting at the end.

"The defensive midfield player Sebastian Ryall was very good, particularly in the second half, and it was good to see Nathan Elasi get a full run along with a couple of young trial players."

Merrick said the team's attention is now focused on its opening 2008 Pre-Season Cup match against Adelaide United at Aurora Stadium, Launceston this Sunday (kick off 1pm).

"Kevin will be missing, but it gives us an opportunity to use other players.

"Evan Berger, who was suspended tonight, was impressive in the first game (against the Green Gully Cavaliers) so he'll definitely be getting a run.

"We're really looking forward to travelling to Tasmania and we hope that we'll be coming home with a win."

Melbourne Victory 2 (Ney Fabiano 7', Nick Ward 74')
Whittlesea Zebras 0
Tuesday, 15 July 2008
Epping Soccer Stadium, Epping
Crowd: Approximately 3000

Friendly Match

By Damien Souness

Victory's new Brazilian recruit, Ney Fabiano, scores his first goal in Australia against the Zebras. Photo: Daniel Flis

OPENING EPL MATCHES ON FOXTEL

The 2008/09 English Premier League kicks off in a little over two weeks and Foxtel have released the TV schedule of their opening day broasdcasts.

Aug 16	**Arsenal v West Brom**	*11.55 pm*	*Viewers Choice*
9.40 pm	*Fox Sports 3*	**Aug 16**	**Hull v Fulham**
Aug 16	**Everton v Blackburn**	*11.55 pm*	*Viewers Choice*
11.55 pm	*Fox Sports 3*	**Aug 16**	**M'borough v Tottenham**
Aug 16	**Aston Villa v Man** City	*11.55 pm*	*Viewers Choice*
11.55 pm	Viewers Choice	**Aug 17**	**Sunderland v Liverpool**
Aug 16	**Bolton v Stoke**	*2.25 am*	*Fox Sports 3*
11.55 pm	*Viewers Choice*	**Aug 17**	**Chelsea v Portsmouth**
Aug 16	**Derby v Wigan**	*10.25 pm*	*Fox Sports 1*
11.55 pm	*Viewers Choice*	**Aug 18**	**Man Utd v** Newcastle
Aug 16	**Hull v Fulham**	*12.55 am*	*Fox Sports 1*
11.55 pm	*Viewers Choice*		
Aug 16	**M'borough v Tottenham**		
11.55 pm	*Viewers Choice*		
Aug 17	**Sunderland v Liverpool**		
2.25 am	*Fox Sports 3*		
Aug 17	**Chelsea v Portsmouth**		
10.25 pm	*Fox Sports 1*		
Aug 18	**Man Utd v** Newcastle		
12.55 am	*Fox Sports 1*		

** Match not being televised from opening round is West Ham v Wigan*

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WOMEN'S & MEN'S MASTERS

Results & Ladders

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: Darebin Legends 3 (R Al-Badri H Al-Husaini K Al-Hamdani) St. Kevins 4 (R Younane 3 J Sloan), Ringwood City 1 (S Harrison) Glen Waverley 2 (M(Nanos 2), Reservoir Strikers 2 (M Al Shemkhawi H Albonajem) Broadmeadows Utd 5 (S Gorgun H Yildirim 3 C Erdogan), East Bentleigh 1 (PK Fiek) Upfield 2 (A Al Mugoter A Mashu), Caulfield Grammarians 0 Meadow Park 5 (MS Chiera RP Plochino 2 B Staines A Minutoli) Res: Darebin Legends 6 St. Kevins 3, Ringwood City 0 Glen Waverley 3, Reservoir Strikers 3 Broadmeadows Utd 2, East Bentleigh 3 Upfield 1, Caulfield Grammarians 1 Meadow Park 8

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: Div 1 Sen: Monbulk 0 Whitehorse Utd 0, Whittlesea Zebras 1 (MA Cross) Bayswater Strikers 3 (L Detheridge 2 M Armitage), Uni. of Melbourne 4 (E Fenwick S Kelly S Krelle N Rooney) South Yarra 0, GRFA 3 (B Elsen F Jacobsen 2) Ballarat Strikers 2 (BL Taylor S Boorne-Wells), Res: Monbulk 1 Whitehorse Utd 0, Whittlesea Zebras 2 Bayswater Strikers 1, Uni. of Melbourne 10 South Yarra 0, GRFA 2 Ballarat Strikers 2

Div 2 North-West: Melbourne Bears 2 (C Akbulat 2) North Geelong 1, Fawkner Blues 1 (S Basile) La Trobe University 2 (RL Ambrose S McGraw), Brunswick Zebras 0 Altona City 9 (E Guardiani 3 A Komijat 3 A Potter 2 L Humphreys), Melton 3 Bundoora Utd 3, Port Melbourne 1 (K Emmanouilides) Darebin Falcons 3 (AJ Mackie M ALLEN J Murphy)

Div 2 South-East: Beaumaris 3 (AM Clothier R Elder 2) Southern Suburbs 6 (T Moutafis 2 AR Martin K Larby 2 H Vassiliou), Knox Utd 1 (E Oostveen) Berwick City 3 (J Cary 2 K Wilson), South Springvale 7 (C Kapralos 2 N Weragoda M Capelja M Batinic 3) Mooroolbark 1 (E Murray-Bartlett), Ashburton 2 Sandringham 2, Bentleigh Greens 0 Monash University 2 (S Ward T Ghazarian)

Div 3 North-West: Western Eagles 2 (JL Magro 2) West Preston 0, Maribyrnong Utd 0 Western Suburbs 3 (K Lazaridis T Dimitriou S Walton), Maribyrnong Greens 1 (A Hure-movic) Sunshine Georgies 3 (AK Murray S Murdaca), Diamond Valley Utd 3 (L Greco 2 D Tuckerman) Westvale 2, Epping City 0 Melbourne Tornado 3

Div 3 South-East: Endeavour Utd 5 (K Allan K Fernandes J Mutton ML Elder 2) South Melbourne 0, Knox City 0 Albert Park WSC 3 (AF Tardif 2 TL Colvin), Sandringham 3 (E Reuter R Luhar A Barlow) Doncaster Rovers 6 (L Dumitriu 3 E Paparas C Syrrafos N Exon), Noble Park 3 (M Atanasova J Pedic R Kok) Ashburton 3 (AK Garnett W Lopez T Rollnik), Mornington Flames 7 (N Dempster 5 S Wells CA Burgess) Richmond 1

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: North-West: Fitzroy City 3 Brunswick Zebras 2 (A Lithgow-Crofts S Alexopoulos), Old Carey 1 FC Bulleen Lions 2, Uni. of Melbourne 0 Kyneton District 4, Brunswick City 0 DOC United WFC 2

South-East: North Caulfield 1 Ringwood City 5, Endeavour Hills 4 Albert Park WSC 2, Croydon City Arrows 4 Swinburne University WSC 1, Brighton 3 Monash University 0

MENS THIRDS: Metro North-West: Reservoir Stars 3 Uni. of Melbourne 5, Collingwood City 2 Altona East Phoenix 2,

Metro South-East: Old Camberwell Grammar 3 Sandringham City 1, South Yarra 3 Riversdale 2, Central Park AC Malvern 3 Old Trinity Grammarians 0, Monash University 4 Melbourne University Rangers 0, Scotch Old Boys 0 Old Melburnians 5

Central: Monash University 2 North Caulfield 4, Waverley Wanderers 0 Boroondara Eagles 8, South Yarra 7 Nunawading City 0, Central Park Rangers 2 La Trobe University 5

North: Melton 1 Watsonia Heights 1, DOC United FC 5 Uni. of Melbourne 0, La Trobe University 2 Plenty Valley Lions 0, Moreland City 0 Melbourne Lions 1,

North-West: La Trobe University 4 Upfield 4, Hoppers Crossing 0 Mitchell Rangers 1, Keilor Park 3 Cairnlea 0

South: Monash University 3 Waverley Wanderers 0, Sandringham City 1 Beaumaris 2, Doveton 3 Boroondara Eagles 1, Berwick City 1 Southern Suburbs 3, Dandenong Thunder 2 Bayside Argonauts 4

South-East: Marcellin Eagles SC 8 Old Carey 1, Cleeland Utd 7 Brighton 1, Caulfield Grammarians 2 Old Trinity Grammarians 1, Mooroolbark 0 Boroondara Eagles 4, Eltham North 2 Scotch Old Boys 4

MENS MASTERS: Metro: Moreland City 13 Watsonia Heights 0, Whittlesea Utd 1 Heidelberg Utd 2, Avondale Heights 2 Bundoora Utd 8

South-East: Glen Waverley 4 Juventus Old Boys 8, Mooroolbark 1 Southern Suburbs 0,

Central: Whitehorse Utd 4 DOC United FC 4, North Caulfield 4 Ashburton 2, Uni. of Melbourne 1 Eastern Lions 6

Mens Metropolitan League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Upfield	16	13	3	0	54	19	42
Meadow Park	16	10	4	2	45	21	34
Reservoir Strikers	16	9	2	5	44	29	29
East Bentleigh	16	7	1	8	25	22	22
Ringwood City	15	7	2	6	29	18	20
Broadmeadows Utd	15	5	5	5	25	30	20
Glen Waverley	16	5	3	8	26	39	18
Darebin Legends	16	4	4	8	33	37	16
St. Kevins	16	3	5	8	30	58	14
Caulfield Grammaria	16	1	1	14	10	48	4

Mens Metropolitan League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Upfield	15	12	1	2	52	18	37
East Bentleigh	15	12	1	2	51	17	37
Darebin Legends	16	11	3	2	49	18	36
Reservoir Strikers	16	8	4	4	29	23	28
Meadow Park	16	6	4	6	27	23	22
Ringwood City	15	6	2	7	27	31	17
Glen Waverley	16	4	3	9	20	39	15
Caulfield Grammari	16	2	4	10	17	46	10
Broadmeadows Utd	15	2	2	11	17	44	8
St. Kevins	16	1	4	11	24	54	7

Womens State League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni. of Melbourne	11	7	4	0	28	8	25
Bayswater Strikers	12	6	5	1	20	11	23
GRFA	11	5	4	2	18	15	19
Whitehorse Utd	12	3	5	4	15	14	14
Monbulk	11	3	4	4	19	24	13
Ballarat Strikers	11	3	2	6	18	20	11
South Yarra	12	3	2	7	21	33	11
Brighton	11	2	4	5	18	23	10
Whittlesea Zebras	11	2	4	5	10	19	10

Womens State League Div 1 Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni. of Melbourne	11	9	1	1	43	8	28
Whitehorse Utd	12	7	3	2	26	15	24
Whittlesea Zebras	11	6	1	4	21	20	19
Monbulk	11	6	1	4	21	20	19
Brighton	11	5	1	5	26	21	16
Bayswater Strikers	12	5	0	7	16	24	15
GRFA	11	3	3	5	21	24	12
Ballarat Strikers	11	1	3	7	11	23	6
South Yarra	12	1	3	8	6	36	6

Womens State League Div 2 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	12	11	1	0	62	8	34
Bundoora Utd	12	10	1	1	62	18	31
La Trobe University	13	7	1	5	25	20	22
Melton	13	6	2	5	15	16	20
Port Melbourne	12	6	0	6	25	26	18
North Geelong	12	5	2	5	21	20	17
Fawkner Blues	13	5	1	7	27	42	16
Melbourne Bears	12	5	0	7	17	31	15
Darebin Falcons	12	2	2	8	16	26	8
Brunswick Zebras	13	0	0	13	6	69	0

Womens State League Div 2 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Springvale	13	13	0	0	44	8	39
Monash University	13	8	4	1	30	13	28
Berwick City	13	8	1	4	29	21	25
Knox Utd	13	6	1	6	37	28	19
Ashburton	13	5	4	4	27	28	19
Sandringham	13	4	5	4	23	22	17
Mooroolbark	13	3	2	8	12	32	11
Southern Suburbs	13	3	1	9	22	28	10
Beaumaris	13	2	3	8	13	32	9
Bentleigh Greens	13	2	1	10	8	33	7

Womens State League Div 3 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Eagles	13	13	0	0	68	5	39
Western Suburbs	11	8	1	2	32	8	25
West Preston	13	8	1	4	39	16	25
Sunshine Georgies	12	6	3	3	30	21	21
Melbourne Tornado	12	6	0	6	20	17	18
Diamond Valley Utd	12	5	3	4	19	21	18
Epping City	13	3	3	7	12	23	12
Maribyrnong Utd	12	3	2	7	15	33	11
Maribyrnong Greens	13	3	1	9	14	32	10
Westvale	13	0	0	13	7	80	0

Womens State League Div 3 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albert Park WSC	12	11	0	1	23	7	33
Mornington Flames	13	10	1	2	40	10	31
Doncaster Rovers	12	9	0	3	52	15	27
Endeavour Utd	12	8	1	3	37	16	25
Noble Park	12	7	3	2	35	12	24
Richmond	12	5	0	7	10	35	15
Sandringham	13	4	1	8	18	30	13
Ashburton	12	2	3	7	19	33	9
South Melbourne	13	1	1	11	10	42	4
Knox City	13	0	0	13	4	48	0

Womens Metropolitan League North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	13	11	2	0	71	10	35
Old Carey	11	8	1	2	48	16	25
Kyneton District	13	8	1	4	31	21	25
Cairnlea WSC	11	6	1	4	53	24	19
DOC United WFC	11	6	1	4	41	24	19
Brunswick Zebras	13	5	1	7	31	32	16
Brunswick City	12	4	2	6	27	28	14
Fitzroy City	12	4	0	8	32	42	12
Uni. of Melbourne	12	2	1	9	16	62	7
Mitchell Rangers	12	1	0	11	10	101	3

Womens Metropolitan League South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Hills	13	10	2	1	54	14	32
North Caulfield	12	9	2	1	29	10	29
Ringwood City	13	8	3	2	51	16	27
Brighton	13	6	3	4	24	21	21
East Bentleigh	12	5	4	3	31	27	19
Croydon City Arrows	13	5	2	6	25	22	17
Monash University	12	5	2	5	19	18	17
Sandringham	12	2	3	7	13	39	9
Swinburne Universit	13	1	2	10	9	41	5
Albert Park WSC	13	0	1	12	7	54	1

Mens Thirds Metro North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City	11	8	2	1	38	16	26
Altona East Phoenix	11	7	3	1	42	16	24
St. Kevins	10	5	2	3	21	19	17
Collingwood City	12	3	5	4	27	29	14
Clifton Hill	10	4	1	5	19	23	13
Uni. of Melbourne	12	3	3	6	22	37	12
Reservoir Stars	12	3	2	7	27	39	11
Old Melburnians	10	2	3	5	16	24	9
Fawkner Blues	10	1	5	4	17	26	8
Melbourne Lions	0			0	0	-3	

Mens Thirds Metro South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bayside Argonauts	12	8	4	0	56	13	28
South Yarra	13	8	2	3	33	21	26
Old Camberwell Gra	12	8	1	3	43	22	25
Melbourne University	13	8	1	4	29	15	25
Old Melburnians	13	7	3	3	37	20	24
Monash University	12	7	1	4	41	18	22
Central Park AC Mal	13	6	3	4	37	28	21
Riversdale	13	5	3	5	32	24	18
Sandringham City	12	4	0	8	24	34	12
Nova FC	12	2	0	10	14	62	6
Old Trinity Gram	12	2	0	10	15	64	6
Scotch Old Boys	13	1	0	12	9	49	3

Mens Thirds Central

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	13	11	1	1	73	7	34
La Trobe University	13	8	5	0	46	12	29
Juventus Old Boys	12	7	5	0	39	17	26
Boroondara Eagles	13	8	1	4	37	34	25
Nunawading City	13	5	4	4	28	27	19
North Caulfield	12	4	2	6	28	28	14
Central Park Rangers	12	3	3	6	16	33	12
Monash University	13	3	1	9	15	26	10
Ashburton	12	3	0	9	16	48	9
Waverley Wanderers	13	0	0	13	5	71	0

Mens Thirds North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
La Trobe University	11	11	0	0	45	7	33
DOC United FC	13	5	6	2	36	19	21
Plenty Valley Lions	11	6	1	4	22	20	19
Brunswick City	11	5	1	5	28	24	16
Moreland City	12	4	2	6	12	17	14
Watsonia Heights	12	4	2	6	27	36	14
Uni. of Melbourne	13	4	2	7	16	33	14
Melbourne Lions	12	4	3	5	23	21	12
Melton	11	2	2	7	15	32	8
Fawkner Blues	8	2	1	5	10	25	7

Mens Thirds North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cairnlea	12	8	2	2	35	19	26
La Trobe University	13	7	5	1	29	22	26
Mitchell Rangers	12	7	2	3	18	14	23
Keilor Park	13	4	5	4	23	22	17
Upfield	13	4	4	5	31	28	16
Melbourne Universit	12	4	4	4	13	12	16
Essendon Utd	12	4	4	4	26	28	16
Brimbank	11	2	6	3	17	18	12
Hoppers Crossing	13	2	3	8	20	29	9
Greenvale United SC	9	0	1	8	9	29	1

Mens Thirds South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	13	10	2	1	48	6	32
Southern Suburbs	12	7	4	1	21	8	25
Boroondara Eagles	13	6	5	2	30	21	23
Dandenong Thunder	13	6	2	5	49	43	20
Berwick City	13	6	1	6	25	20	19
Monash University	13	5	3	5	25	36	18
Sandringham City	13	4	3	6	17	26	15
Bayside Argonauts	12	3	3	6	13	28	12
Beaumaris	13	1	4	8	14	28	7
Waverley Wanderers	13	1	3	9	11	37	6

Mens Thirds South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cleeland Utd	12	10	1	1	67	9	31
Marcellin Eagles SC	12	8	2	2	59	17	26
Boroondara Eagles	13	8	2	3	43	22	26
Scotch Old Boys	13	6	4	3	49	22	22
Caulfield Grammari	13	6	2	5	27	24	20
Mooroolbark	13	6	1	6	33	42	19
Old Trinity Grammari	13	5	1	7	26	36	16
Brighton	13	4	0	9	21	55	12
Eltham North	12	2	0	10	13	69	6
Old Carey	12	1	1	10	12	54	4

Mens Masters Metro

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	12	10	0	2	65	23	30
Moreland City	11	9	2	0	61	12	29
Heidelberg Utd	11	7	0	4	33	22	21
Sunshine Blues	11	6	1	4	35	23	19
Whittlesea Utd	12	5	2	5	38	31	17
Watsonia Heights	12	2	0	10	18	50	6
Avondale Heights	11	1	1	9	14	51	4
Mill Park	6	0	0	6	5	57	0

Mens Masters South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Juventus Old Boys	10	8	0	2	40	16	24
Southern Suburbs	9	8	0	1	27	7	24
Mooroolbark	12	8	0	4	37	23	24
Beaumaris Masters	10	7	1	2	29	13	22
Endeavour Hills	11	6	2	3	34	18	20
Doncaster Rovers	10	3	2	5	29	34	11
Brighton	11	2	0	9	22	39	6
Glen Waverley	12	1	3	8	20	38	6
Doveton	11	0	2	9	7	57	2

Mens Masters Central

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	10	9	1	0	45	8	28
Eastern Lions	10	6	2	2	40	15	20
DOC United FC	9	5	3	1	30	18	18
Whitehorse Utd	11	4	3	4	29	32	15
North Caulfield	11	4	1	6	22	27	13
Ashburton	10	1	1	8	11	39	4
Uni. of Melbourne	11	1	1	9	14	52	4

Boys 18 Super League: Essendon Royals 0 Green Gully 0, Fawkner 6 Brunswick City 1, Casey Comets South Melbourne , Brimbank City 2 Kingston City 2, Keilor Park 2 South Springvale 1, FC Bulleen Lions Springvale White Eagles

Boys S/E 16 Super League: Eastern Lions Endeavour Utd , Doncaster Rovers South Melbourne , FC Bulleen Lions 1 Chelsea 0, Berwick City 2 Box Hill Inter 0

Boys S/E 15 Super League: North Caulfield Bye , Mornington 5 Nunawading City 4, Monash City Oakleigh , FC Bulleen Lions 3 Dandenong City 1, Berwick City 2 Dandenong Thunder 1

Boys S/E 14 Super League: Monash City 2 GSL 0, Sandringham City 3 Peninsula Strikers JFC 1, Box Hill Inter 0 South Melbourne 3, FC Bulleen Lions 0 Richmond 1, Oakleigh 0 Beaumaris 4

Boys S/E 13 Super League: N.T.C 2 GSL 2, Sandringham City 0 Brighton 2, Box Hill Inter 0 Monash City 5, FC Bulleen Lions 3 Croydon City Arrows 1, Berwick City 0 South Melbourne 5

Boys N/W 16 Super League: Preston Lions 1 Green Gully 2, Keilor Park 0 Sunshine Georgies 0, Fawkner 1 Cairnlea 0, Hume Utd 0 Coburg Utd 0, Melbourne Knights Bye

Boys N/W 15 Super League: Keilor Park Bye , Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1 Green Gully 5, Fawkner 0 Altona Magic 2, Essendon Royals 1 Preston Lions 0, Sunshine Heights 2 Melbourne Knights 0

Boys N/W 14 Super League: Green Gully 0 Brunswick City 0, Keilor Park 0 Coburg Utd 3, Essendon Royals 4 Cairnlea 1, Brimbank 8 Whittlesea Zebras 0, Melbourne Knights 2 Hume Utd 0

Boys N/W 13 Super League: Green Gully 3 GRFA 1, Keilor Park Altona City , Bundoora Utd 2 Light Utd 0, North City Lions 1 Essendon Royals 1, Brunswick Zebras Melbourne Knights

Boys Metro 18 Blue: Eastern Lions 0 Altona East 2, Stonnington City 5 Cairnlea 3, Knox City 0 Frankston Pines 1, Doncaster Rovers Manningham , Richmond 1 Altona City 1

Boys Metro 18 Orange: Doveton 0 Brighton 3, Endeavour Utd 3 Beaumaris 3, Berwick City 2 Langwarrin 1, Keysborough 2 Sandringham City 0, Baxter 8 Mornington 1

Boys Metro 18 Purple: Bentleigh Greens 0 DOC United FC 0, Heidelberg Utd 4 Altona Magic 3, Preston Lions 4 Sunshine Georgies 2, Whittlesea Zebras 1 Westgate 0, Richmond 6 Oakleigh 0

Boys Metro 18 Red: Westvale Light Utd , Northcote City 4 Ballarat & District SA 2, Western Eagles 4 Bundoora Utd 2, Essendon Royals Lalor Utd , Brunswick Zebras Melbourne Phoenix JFC

Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Boroondara Lions 0 Manningham 4, East Bentleigh 0 Brandon Park 7, Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Darebin Legends 1, North Caulfield Doncaster Rovers , Mooroolbark 0 Ashburton 7

Boys South 16 A: Southern Stars 2 Langwarrin 1, Sandringham City 2 Dandenong City 1, Mornington Brighton , Berwick City 0 Chelsea 2

Boys South 16 B: Langwarrin Bye , Beaumaris 1 Bentleigh Greens 3, Doveton 3 Baxter 2, Brighton 0 Casey Comets 2

Boys South 15 A: Berwick City Bye , Doveton 3 East Bentleigh 2, Springvale White Eagles 0 Chelsea 11, Beaumaris 1 Langwarrin 4, Casey Comets Brighton

Boys South 15 B: Bye Brighton , Sandringham City 7 Carrum Utd 0, Langwarrin 5 Seaford Utd 0, Berwick City 0 Peninsula Strikers JFC 3

Boys South 15 C: Endeavour Utd Bye , East Bentleigh 1 Doveton 0, Beaumaris 1 Baxter 2 2, Baxter 1 8 Brighton 2, Phillip Island 3 Sandringham City 0

Boys South 14 A: Keysborough 1 Bentleigh Greens 4, Harrisfield Hurricanes 5 Hampton 0, Beaumaris 3 Chelsea 1, Mornington 1 Brighton 6, Berwick City 7 Hampton Park Utd 1

Boys South 14 B: Chelsea 2 Endeavour Utd 5, Baxter 3 Hampton 5, Langwarrin 2 Mornington 0, Bentleigh Greens 3 Brighton 0, Berwick City 0 Sandringham City 3

Boys South 14 C: Bye Peninsula Strikers JFC , Rosebud 2 Seaford Utd 2, Langwarrin 1 Hampton Park Utd 0, East Bentleigh 4 Brighton 1, Casey Comets 6 Sandringham City 0

Boys South 13 A: Hampton Park Utd Bye , Keysborough 1 Mornington 2, Langwarrin 2 Dandenong City 5, Dandenong Thunder 2 Endeavour Utd 3, Berwick City 4 Hampton 0

Boys South 13 B: Bentleigh Greens 2 Brighton 1, East Bentleigh 3 Sandringham City 1, Doveton 6 Baxter 0, Beaumaris 1 Mornington 1

Boys South 13 C: Rosebud Beaumaris , Casey Comets 4 Carrum Utd 1, Brighton 7 Mornington 0, Peninsula Strikers JFC 2 Springvale White Eagles 2

Boys South 13 D: Endeavour Utd 1 Brighton 1, Berwick City 2 Langwarrin 3, Frankston Pines 1 Lyndale Utd 4, East Bentleigh 1 Peninsula Strikers JFC 0

Boys South 12 A: South Eastern Piranhas 5 GSL 1, Sandringham City 5 Hampton 0, Peninsula Strikers JFC 0 Bentleigh Greens 2, Mornington Brighton , Berwick City 7 Langwarrin 0

Boys South 12 B: Hampton Park Utd 1 Casey Comets 0, Langwarrin 1 Bentleigh Greens 3, Beaumaris 0 Melbourne Phoenix JFC 2, Southern Stars 5 Seaford Utd 1, Berwick City 0 Sandringham City 0

Boys South 12 C: Bye Brighton , Beaumaris 2 Doveton 5, East Bentleigh 1 Hampton 2, Langwarrin Mornington , Hampton Park Utd 1 Sandringham City 0

Boys South 12 D: Keysborough 0 Beaumaris 1, Doveton 2 Berwick City 0, Carrum Utd 1 Baxter 0, Dandenong Thunder 8 Brighton 1, Lyndale Utd 4 East Bentleigh 0

Boys South 12 E: Sandringham City 1 Peninsula Strikers JFC 0, Harrisfield Hurricanes 3 Seaford Utd 0, Beaumaris 6 Casey Comets 1, Rosebud 2 Brighton 1, Baxter (Western Port) 1 Casey Panthers 1

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: South Eastern Piranhas Bye , Peninsula Strikers JFC 0 Dandenong City 2, Brighton 1 Mornington 2, Kingston City Beaumaris , Endeavour Utd 0 Bentleigh Greens 4

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Red:

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Hampton 0 Springvale White Eagles 4, Sandringham City 2 Aspendale 2, Southern Stars 0 Brandon Park 0, Chelsea 0 Langwarrin 3, Berwick City 4 GSL 1

Boys South 11 Kangaroos/Joeys Red: Keysborough 1 Brighton 1 8, Hampton 0 Sandringham City 0, Mornington 1 Beaumaris 1, Aspendale Brighton 2

Boys South 11 Joeys Blue: Peninsula Strikers JFC 0 Brighton 1, Baxter 0 Sandringham City 0, Beaumaris 4 Carrum Utd 2, Hampton Park Utd 4 Berwick City 0

Boys South 11 Joeys Orange: Berwick City 3 Brighton 0, Bentleigh Greens 0 Doveton 3, Beaumaris Seaford Utd , Mornington 0 Casey Comets 0

Boys East 16 A: Whitehorse 1 Clayton 0, Manningham 2 Doncaster Rovers 1, Nunawading City 3 Riversdale 2, FC Bulleen Lions 3 Richmond 1, Oakleigh 4 Sherbrooke Rangers 6

Boys East 16 B: Glen Waverley 1 Boronia 1, North Caulfield Caulfield Utd , Manningham 2 Casey Comets 3, Hampton Park Utd 7 Knox City 1

Boys East 16 C: Whitehorse 6 Clayton 2, Mooroolbark 3 Glen Eira 1, Eastern Lions 8 Croydon City Arrows 1, Hampton 1 Mooroolbark 2, South Springvale Ashburton

Boys East 15 A: Eastern Lions South Melbourne , Brandon Park 8 Clayton 0, Boronia 9 Doncaster Rovers 0, Glen Waverley 0 FC Bulleen Lions 7, Manningham 1 Richmond 2

Boys East 15 B: Manningham 0 Doncaster Rovers 1, Richmond 6 Boronia 0, North Caulfield Riversdale , FC Bulleen Lions 1 Caulfield Utd 0, Oakleigh 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 0

Boys East 15 C: Bye Ashburton 1 , Whitehorse 7 Glen Waverley 0, Ashburton 2 0 Ringwood City 2, North Caulfield Mooroolbark , Boroondara Lions 0 Brandon Park 2

Boys East 15 D:

Boys East 14 A: Whitehorse 6 Waverley Wanderers 0, Brandon Park 1 Doncaster Rovers 5, North Caulfield FC Bulleen Lions , Manningham 2 Glen Waverley 0, Casey Comets 0 Knox City 6

Boys East 14 B: Stonnington City 5 Eastern Lions 1, Glen Waverley 1 Ringwood City 2, North Caulfield Croydon City Arrows , Noble Park 3 Doncaster Rovers 2, Riversdale 5 Knox City 1

Boys East 14 C: Heidelberg Utd Mooroolbark , Whitehorse 1 Melbourne Phoenix JFC 2, Richmond 3 Boronia 1, Caulfield Utd 2 Doncaster Rovers 2

Boys East 14 D: Bye Ringwood City , Stonnington City 1 Boroondara Lions 1, East Bentleigh 0 Nunawading City 5, Croydon City Arrows 0 Richmond 7, Riversdale 1 Glen Eira 2

Boys East 13 A: Doncaster Rovers 6 Nunawading City 0, Richmond 3 Riversdale 0, North Caulfield South Melbourne , Mooroolbark 1 Boronia 2, Oakleigh 6 Glen Waverley 0

Boys East 13 B: Bye Clayton , Glen Eira 0 Ashburton 6, Knox City 3 Avondale Heights 0, FC Bulleen Lions 1 Richmond 1

Boys East 13 C: Brunswick City 1 Boroondara Lions 1, Boronia 0 Ringwood City 2, North Caulfield FC Bulleen Lions , Manningham 1 Caulfield Utd 0, Springvale City 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 7

Boys East 13 D: Glen Waverley 0 Eastern Lions 7, Richmond 1 Clifton Hill 2, Brandon Park 3 Knox Utd 1, Ashburton 2 Riversdale 1, Glen Eira 4 Monash City 0

Boys East 13 E: Ringwood City 1 Knox Utd 0, Waverley Wanderers 2 Chelsea 1, Croydon City Arrows 2 Oakleigh 0, Mooroolbark 2 Manningham 5

**Boys East 13 F: Whitehorse 4 Richmond 0, Stonnington City 0 Heidelberg Stars 5, Eastern Lions 0 North Caulfield 2, Rowville Eagles 3 South

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brooke Rangers 3

Boys East 12 D: Boroondara Lions 2 Boronia 1, Riversdale 2 Ashburton 0, Nunawading City 2 Eastern Lions 0, Avondale Heights 6 Croydon City Arrows 2

Boys East 12 E: Bye Richmond , Whitehorse 4 Boroondara Lions 2, Ashburton 1 Ringwood City 0, North Caulfield Croydon City Arrows , Doncaster Rovers 0 Eastern Lions 1

Boys East 12 F: Bye Knox City , Boronia 0 Clifton Hill 2, Glen Waverley 1 Croydon City Arrows 2, Doncaster Rovers 1 Ashburton 4

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green: Doncaster Rovers 5 Ashburton 0, Richmond 2 Box Hill Inter 0, FC Bulleen Lions 1 Caulfield Utd 0, Croydon City Arrows 0 Oakleigh 1

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Orange: North Caulfield Bye , Whitehorse 0 South Melbourne 2, Riversdale 0 Oakleigh 3, Knox Utd 4 Richmond 0, Mooroolbark 0 Hampton 7

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Box Hill Inter 5 Boroondara Lions 0, Ashburton 2 Stonnington City 1, Monash City 4 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Manningham 1 Doncaster Rovers 1, South Yarra Eastern Lions

Boys East 11 Joeys Blue: Doncaster Rovers 5 Whitehorse 0, Glen Waverley East Bentleigh , Boronia 0 Knox Utd 5, FC Bulleen Lions 0 Richmond 1, Croydon City Arrows Sherbrooke Rangers

Boys East 11 Joeys Orange: Bye Knox City , Whitehorse 2 Waverley Wanderers 0, Richmond 0 Ringwood City 9, North Caulfield 3 Riversdale 1, Mooroolbark 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 7

Boys East 11 Joeys Purple:

Boys East 11 Joeys Red: Whitehorse 0 Boroondara Lions 2, Richmond 1 Oakleigh 2, North Caulfield Doncaster Rovers , East Bentleigh 0 Glen Waverley 3, Ashburton 0 Knox City 4

Boys N/W 16 B:

Boys North 16 A: Moreland Utd Bye , Heidelberg Stars Northcote City , Essendon Royals 5 Whittlesea Zebras 2, Bundoora Utd 4 Brunswick Zebras 1, Epping City 1 Coburg Utd 3

Boys North 16 B: Light Utd 6 DOC United FC 0, Hume Utd 4 Essendon Utd 1, Moreland Wolves 3 Brunswick Zebras 1, Sunbury Utd 2 Mitchell Rangers 2, Bundoora Utd 4 Watsonia Heights 2

Boys North 15 A: Heidelberg Utd Lalor Utd , Essendon Royals 7 Light Utd 0, Bundoora Utd 3 Whittlesea Zebras 0, Fawkner 3 Brunswick Zebras 1, Moreland City 0 Epping City 1

Boys North 15 B: Bundoora Utd 3 Heidelberg Stars 0, Diamond Valley Utd 12 Moreland City 1, Epping City 1 Plenty Valley Lions 2, Brunswick City 2 Northcote City 1, Moreland Utd Watsonia Heights

Boys North 14 A: Essendon Royals 1 Epping City 3, Sunbury Utd 2 Clifton Hill 1, Bundoora Utd 2 Eltham North 0, Fawkner 2 Greenvale Utd 1, Preston Lions 1 Light Utd 0

Boys North 14 B: Epping City 0 Bundoora Utd 1, Fawkner 0 Northcote City 1, Whittlesea Zebras 1 Brunswick Zebras 4, Banyule City 0 Moreland City 6, Meadow Park 4 Watsonia Heights 0

Boys North 14 C: Essendon Royals 0 FC City Central 1, Moreland Wolves Bye , Eltham North 0 Brunswick Zebras 7, Alphington 2 Coburg Utd 2, Banyule City 1 North City Lions 6

Boys North 13 A: Bye Epping City , Reservoir Strikers 0 Moreland City 6, Brunswick City 1 Preston Lions 0, Essendon Royals 0 Whittlesea Zebras 2, Diamond Valley Utd 0 North City Lions 2

Boys North 13 B: Epping City 2 Eltham North 1, Essendon Utd Brunswick Zebras , Hume Utd 1 Alphington 1, Fawkner 5 Lalor Utd 0, Clifton Hill 7 Watsonia Heights 1

Boys North 13 C:

Boys North 12 A: Hume Utd 0 Light Utd 2, Essendon Royals 3 Meadow Park 2, Bundoora Utd 1 Whittlesea Zebras 3, Epping City 1 Brunswick City 0, Eltham North 0 Coburg Utd 3

Boys North 12 B: Bye Preston Lions , Moreland City 0 Moreland Wolves 0, Light Utd 0 Northcote City 1, Brunswick Zebras Greenvale Utd , Coburg Utd 2 Fawkner 0

Boys North 12 C: Diamond Valley Utd 1 Epping City 0, Essendon Royals 4 Heidelberg Utd 2, Hume Utd 3 Alphington 1, Banyule City 1 Sunbury Utd 0, Moreland Utd Watsonia Heights

Boys North 12 D: North Lions 3 Pascoe Vale 2, Plenty Valley Lions 4 Bundoora Utd 1, Mitchell Rangers Broadmeadows Utd , DOC United FC 4 Brunswick Zebras 1, North City Lions Eltham North

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green:

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Orange:

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Meadow Park 0 Bundoora Utd 4, Brunswick City 0 Sunbury Utd 1, Epping City Heidelberg Stars , Lalor Utd 1 Brunswick Zebras 1, Diamond Valley Utd 0 Fawkner 2

Boys North 11 Joeys Blue: Moreland Utd Bye , Light Utd 5 Moreland City 1, Mitchell Rangers Northcote City , Bundoora Utd 4 Avondale Heights 0, Banyule City Fawkner

Boys North 11 Joeys Yellow:

Boys North 11 Joeys/Kangaroos Orange: Watsonia Heights 0 Essendon Royals 1 16, Eltham North 2 1 Eltham North 1 3, Essendon Royals 2 2 Greenvale Utd 3, Heidelberg Utd Yarraville , Alphington 1 Alphington 2

Boys North 11 Joeys/Kangaroos Red: Hume Utd 1 Moreland Wolves 2, Brunswick Zebras Plenty Valley Lions , Upfield St. Albans Saints , North City Lions 0 Whittlesea Zebras 3, Clifton Hill 1 Watsonia Heights 1

Boys West 16 A: Green Gully Bye , South Yarra 5 Gisborne 0, Williamstown 1 Hoppers Crossing 7, Laverton Park 0 Keilor Park 4, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 3 Sunbury Utd 0

Boys West 16 B: Bye Western Eagles , South Yarra Werribee City , Reservoir Strikers 0 Brimbank 1, Altona City 2 Altona East 1, Sydenham Park Melton

Boys West 15 A: Bye Keilor Park , Green Gully 1 GRFA 5, Brimbank City Werribee City , Altona East 4 Sydenham Park 0, Sunshine Georgies 3 Geelong 1

Boys West 15 B North/West: Lalor Utd 1 Altona City 6, Keilor Wolves 3 Williamstown 2, Carlton Youth 7 Bacchus Marsh JSC 0, Hoppers Crossing 1 Port Melbourne 4

Boys West 15 B:

Boys West 14 A: GRFA 3 Sunshine Georgies 1, St. Albans 0 Werribee City 5, South Yarra 0 Altona East 3, Sunshine Heights 1 Hoppers Crossing 2, North Geelong Warriors 0 Sydenham Park 0

Boys West 14 B: Bye Brimbank , Green Gully 1 Keilor Park 2, Melton 1 Western Eagles 2, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 4 North Sunshine Eagles 0

Boys West 14 C North/West: Preston Lions 2 Yarraville 1, Williamstown 3 Avondale Heights 2, Hoppers Crossing 2 Melton 0, Sunbury Utd Gisborne , DOC United FC 2 Wyndham Olympic 0

Boys West 13 A: Sunshine Georgies 2 Green Gully 1, Laverton Park 1 Williamstown 2, Gisborne 1 Cairnlea 0, BASL 2 Keilor Park 0, Altona City 3 Geelong 0

Boys West 13 B: Brimbank City Williamstown , Spring Hills 3 Werribee City 3, Brimbank 2 Hoppers Crossing 3, Maribyrnong Greens 1 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1, Sydenham Park Melton

Boys West 13 C: Flemington Eagles Wyndham Olympic , Mitchell Rangers Maribyrnong United , FC Birarrung JFC Port Melbourne , Bundoora Utd 6 Upfield 0, Bacchus Marsh JSC 0 Melbourne Lions 8, Brunswick Zebras AVA Seagulls

Boys West 12 A: Green Gully 0 GRFA 0, Keilor Park 3 Altona City 1, Sunshine Georgies 2 Hoppers Crossing 1, Gisborne 5 South Yarra 0, Williamstown 1 Melbourne Knights 1

Boys West 12 B: St. Albans 0 Green Gully 0, South Yarra 3 Sydenham Park 2, Melton 0 Cairnlea 8, Altona Magic Keilor Park , Brimbank 2 Melbourne Knights 1

Boys West 12 C: Flemington Eagles Wyndham Olympic , Spring Hills 6 Gisborne 0, Hoppers Crossing 0 Cairnlea 5, Keilor Wolves 1 Laverton Park 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 3 Williamstown 1, Brimbank 1 Altona City 1

Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green: Altona City 1 Green Gully 0, Keilor Park 2 Werribee City 0, Sunshine Georgies 0 Hoppers Crossing 3, Altona East 0 South Yarra 7, Williamstown 0 Melbourne Knights 2

Boys West 11 Kangaroos Red:

Boys West 11 Joeys Blue:

Boys West 11 Joeys Red: Altona City 1 Gisborne 2, Bacchus Marsh JSC Werribee City , Green Gully 2 Cairnlea 0, Hoppers Crossing 2 Laverton Park 3, Port Melbourne 6 Spring Hills 1

Boys West 11 Joeys/Kangaroos Blue: Green Gully 0 Brimbank 0, Brimbank City Westvale , Sydenham Park Williamstown , Maribyrnong Greens 0 Keilor Park 1, Sunshine Heights 2 Western Eagles 0

Girls Metro 18 A: Brimbank Bye , Ashburton 3 Mooroolbark 0, Whitehorse 1 Berwick City 7, Westgate 4 Langwarrin 1, Boroondara Eagles JFC 4 Gisborne 2, Croydon City Arrows 2 Beaumaris 14

Girls Metro 18 B:

Girls Metro 16 A: GRFA 0 Meadow Park 1, Langwarrin 0 Keilor Park 8, Richmond 3 Brandon Park 3, Whitehorse 1 Brunswick Zebras 2, Brighton 2 Berwick City 3

Girls Metro 16 B: Ringwood City 0 Diamond Valley Utd 3, Sandringham City 1 Baxter 9, Doncaster Rovers 2 Glen Eira 2, Boroondara Lions 5 Brunswick City 0, Keilor Wolves 5 Glen Waverley 2

Girls Metro 16 C:

Girls N/W 16 C: North City Lions Greenvale Utd , Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 5 Sunbury Utd 1, Altona City 8 Gisborne 0, Nunawading City 0 Pascoe Vale 2, Watsonia Heights 1 Sydenham Park 0

Girls S/E 16 C: Seaford Utd 1 FC Bulleen Lions 2, Mornington 0 East Bentleigh 4, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 6 Sherbrooke Rangers 2 1, Endeavour Utd 1 Hampton Park Utd 1, Boronia 2 Mooroolbark 2

Girls S/E 16 D:

Girls N/W 16 D:

Girls Metro 15 A: Bundoora Utd 1 Sandringham City 2, Brighton 0 Doncaster Rovers 4, Croydon City Arrows Dandenong Thunder

Girls Metro 15 B: Altona City 0 Richmond 3, Caulfield Utd 0 East Bentleigh 1, Langwarrin 0 Casey Comets 3, Baxter 4 Peninsula Strikers JFC 2, Eltham North 3 Carrum Utd 3

Girls Metro 15 C: Eastern Lions 4 Beaumaris 0, Sandringham City 6 Croydon City Arrows 0, Dandenong City 1 Chelsea 5, Watsonia Heights 0 Glen Waverley 2, Brighton 2 Whittlesea Zebras 1

Girls N/W 15 D: Brunswick Zebras Bye , Bundoora Utd 1 Brimbank 4, Cairnlea 3 Keilor Park 1, Epping City 2 Altona East 1

Girls S/E 15 D: Noble Park Bye , Boroondara Lions 1 Richmond 0, Knox City 0 Carrum Utd 1, Glen Eira 1 North Caulfield 5, Heatherton Utd Springvale White Eagles

Girls Metro 14 A: Ashburton Bye , Alphington 1 Croydon City Arrows 0, Brighton 0 North Caulfield 3, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Essendon Royals 1, Boroondara Lions 3 Sandringham City 0

Girls Metro 14 B: Diamond Valley Utd 7 Glen Eira 0, Port Melbourne 0 Pascoe Vale 4, Glen Waverley 1 Berwick City 1, Boroondara Lions 1 Brunswick Zebras 1, Box Hill Inter 1 South Melbourne 3

Girls Metro 14 C:

Girls N/W 14 C: Sunbury Utd 3 Doncaster Rovers 3, Whittlesea Zebras 0 South Yarra 2, Watsonia Heights 1 Kensington JGSC 0, DOC United FC 0 FC Bulleen Lions 8, Eltham North 1 Keilor Park 5

Girls S/E 14 C: Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Brandon Park 1, Brighton 1 Baxter 2, Boronia Peninsula Strikers JFC , North Caulfield Eastern Lions

Girls S/E 14 D:

Girls N/W 14 D:

Girls Metro 13 A: Brunswick Zebras Bye , Knox City 5 Ashburton 0, Boroondara Lions 1 Richmond 1, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Carrum Utd 0, Croydon City Arrows 0 Keilor Park 3

Girls Metro 13 B: Boronia 1 Monash City 0, Whitehorse 3 Beaumaris 0, Glen Waverley 4 North Caulfield 0, Brighton 0 Nunawading City 0, Hoppers Crossing 2 Eltham North 1

Girls Metro 13 C: Oakleigh 5 Sandringham City 0, Brighton 1 Casey Panthers 1, Banyule City 3 Glen Eira 2, Peninsula Strikers JFC Baxter

Girls Metro 13 D: Glen Waverley 3 Heidelberg Utd 2, Boronia 0 Bundoora Utd 7, Sydenham Park Keilor Wolves , Carrum Utd 0 Mornington 1

Girls Metro 12 A: Brighton 0 Berwick City 0, Boroondara Lions 0 Richmond 0, Hampton 0 Keilor Park 1, Dandenong Thunder 3 Beaumaris 0, Carrum Utd 0 Ashburton 3

Girls Metro 12 B: Sherbrooke Rangers 0 North Caulfield 1, Brighton 1 Oakleigh 2, Sandringham City 5 Eltham North 0, St. Albans 4 Glen Eira 3, Ashburton 3 Richmond 0

Girls Metro 12 C:

Girls N/W 12 C: Kensington JGSC Bye , Watsonia Heights 1 Sunbury Utd 0, Green Gully 1 Banyule City 1, Brunswick Zebras 1 Essendon Royals , Diamond Valley Utd 0 Brunswick Zebras 2 2

Girls S/E 12 C: Bye Clifton Hill , Glen Waverley 2 Croydon City Arrows 1, Box Hill Inter 0 FC Bulleen Lions 1

Girls Metro 12 D:

Girls Metro 11 A: Sherbrooke Rangers 0 North Caulfield 4, Brighton 5 South Yarra 0, Bye Stonnington City , Croydon City Arrows Ashburton , Boroondara Lions East Bentleigh , Pascoe Vale 3 Ringwood City 0

Girls Metro 11 B: Rosebud 3 North Caulfield 0, Brighton 2 Berwick City 1, Sandringham City 2 2 Ashburton 0, Carrum Utd 0 Sandringham City 1 2, Hampton 1 Peninsula Strikers JFC 3, Casey Panthers Bye

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Boys 18 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	15	13	0	2	49	9	39
South Melbourne	15	12	1	2	63	20	37
Fawkner	15	10	1	4	45	16	31
Springvale White Ea	15	7	5	3	28	14	26
Essendon Royals	16	7	4	5	35	15	25
Green Gully	15	6	4	5	28	30	22
Kingston City	16	5	5	6	23	28	20
Brunswick City	15	6	2	7	26	37	20
Keilor Park	16	5	2	9	16	26	17
South Springvale	16	3	1	12	13	51	10
Brimbank City	15	2	3	10	22	50	9
Casey Comets	15	1	2	12	15	67	5

Boys S/E 16 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	11	8	2	1	38	16	26
Endeavour Utd	12	7	4	1	32	15	25
Doncaster Rovers	11	7	2	2	23	11	23
Springvale White E	12	6	3	3	34	20	21
Chelsea	12	6	3	3	25	15	21
FC Bulleen Lions	13	5	5	3	25	20	20
Oakleigh	12	4	2	6	27	22	14
Berwick City	12	3	1	8	18	29	10
Box Hill Inter	13	1	1	11	6	48	4
Eastern Lions	12	0	3	9	7	39	3

Boys S/E 15 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nunawading City	12	9	1	2	34	12	28
FC Bulleen Lions	12	8	2	2	32	11	26
North Caulfield	10	7	1	2	20	13	22
Monash City	10	6	1	3	33	16	19
Mornington	1	5	3	3	23	15	18
Dandenong City	12	3	4	5	15	16	13
Oakleigh	10	2	1	7	7	30	7
Berwick City	12	2	0	10	13	38	6
Dandenong Thunder	11	1	1	9	6	32	4

Boys S/E 14 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	12	8	3	1	25	7	27
Beaumaris	12	7	3	2	21	11	24
Richmond	13	6	4	3	22	15	22
South Melbourne	12	6	3	3	19	9	21
Monash City	13	4	6	3	14	15	18
Sandringham City	13	4	4	5	16	18	16
Peninsula Strikers J	13	4	3	6	15	21	15
Oakleigh	12	2	6	4	15	25	12
GSL	11	2	4	5	7	11	10
Box Hill Inter	13	0	2	11	7	29	2

Boys S/E 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	12	12	0	0	53	2	36
Monash City	11	9	1	1	20	4	28
FC Bulleen Lions	12	6	4	2	26	11	22
Berwick City	12	5	2	5	16	17	17
Croydon City Arro	13	5	1	7	22	29	16
N.T.C	11	2	6	3	15	15	12
GSL	10	2	5	3	18	19	11
Sandringham City	11	1	6	4	14	20	9
Brighton	13	2	2	9	15	39	8
Box Hill Inter	13	1	1	11	8	51	4

Boys N/W 16 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	12	8	2	2	25	18	26
Coburg Utd	11	7	2	2	29	13	23
Green Gully	11	7	1	3	22	19	22
Keilor Park	11	6	2	3	25	15	20
Preston Lions	11	5	2	4	19	11	17
Melbourne Knights	11	4	1	6	21	24	13
Hume Utd	11	3	2	6	18	25	11
Sunshine Georgies	10	1	3	6	11	32	6
Cairnlea	12	1	1	10	10	23	4

Boys N/W 15 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully	12	9	2	1	41	10	29
Essendon Royals	11	8	1	2	33	11	25
Fawkner	11	7	2	2	21	10	23
Preston Lions	11	4	3	4	18	18	15
Sunshine Heights	11	4	2	5	13	16	14
Altona Magic	12	4	2	6	12	21	14
Keilor Park	11	4	0	7	14	26	12
Melbourne Knights	11	1	4	6	10	17	7
Ballarat Academy Of	12	2	0	10	7	40	6

Boys N/W 14 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank	11	9	2	0	44	6	29
Coburg Utd	13	8	2	3	28	15	26
Green Gully	12	7	3	2	24	15	24
Brunswick City	11	5	2	4	20	15	17
Melbourne Knights	13	4	5	4	10	13	17
Essendon Royals	12	4	4	4	25	19	16
Keilor Park	12	3	3	6	13	19	12
Whittlesea Zebras	12	3	2	7	9	32	11
Cairnlea	13	3	1	9	13	31	10
Hume Utd	13	2	2	9	13	34	8

Boys N/W 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully	13	8	5	0	32	10	29
Essendon Royals	13	8	5	0	24	10	29
Melbourne Knights	12	5	4	3	22	12	19
Bundoora Utd	13	5	4	4	18	21	19
Keilor Park	12	5	3	4	21	20	18
Brunswick Zebras	12	4	3	5	17	15	15
Altona City	12	4	1	7	12	22	13
GRFA	12	3	3	6	16	25	12
North City Lions	12	2	2	8	18	30	8
Light Utd	13	1	4	8	8	23	7

Boys Metro 18 Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	13	9	4	0	25	5	31
Manningham	12	9	2	1	25	10	29
Frankston Pines	13	8	3	2	37	12	27
Richmond	13	7	4	2	32	14	25
Cairnlea	12	6	1	5	29	21	19
Altona East	12	5	0	7	15	29	15
Doncaster Rovers	11	3	3	5	15	24	12
Stonnington City	12	3	1	8	22	28	10
Eastern Lions	13	1	2	10	8	36	5
Knox City	13	0	2	11	12	41	2

Boys Metro 18 Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	12	10	2	0	45	12	32
Langwarrin	13	10	1	2	67	23	31
Berwick City	13	9	2	2	40	12	29
Doveton	13	8	1	4	49	28	25
Baxter	13	8	0	5	64	35	24
Mornington	13	6	0	7	38	43	18
Keysborough	13	4	1	8	22	42	13
Endeavour Utd	12	2	2	8	20	54	8
Sandringham City	13	1	1	11	15	52	4
Beaumaris	13	0	2	11	17	76	2

Boys Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	13	11	1	1	56	12	34
Whittlesea Zebras	13	10	0	3	29	19	30
Oakleigh	12	7	3	2	31	21	24
Heidelberg Utd	13	6	2	5	37	36	20
Preston Lions	11	5	2	4	25	29	17
Altona Magic	13	3	4	6	21	26	13
Bentleigh Greens	12	3	3	6	23	29	12
DOC United FC	12	3	2	7	22	34	11
Sunshine Georgies	12	2	3	7	20	30	9
Westgate	13	1	2	10	16	44	5

Boys Metro 18 Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix	12	11	1	0	55	11	34
Western Eagles	12	9	1	2	46	19	28
Light Utd	12	9	1	2	36	11	28
Bundoora Utd	12	7	3	2	44	27	24
Northcote City	13	5	1	7	37	33	16
Lalor Utd	12	5	0	7	31	36	15
Ballarat & District SA	13	4	2	7	28	39	14
Essendon Royals	12	2	3	7	19	33	9
Westvale	12	1	2	9	13	48	5
Brunswick Zebras	12	0	2	10	6	58	2

Boys Metro 18 Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brandon Park	13	12	0	1	45	12	36
Manningham	13	9	2	2	63	14	29
North Caulfield	11	9	0	2	44	18	27
Doncaster Rovers	11	7	2	2	38	19	23
Boroondara Lions	13	7	0	6	36	27	21
Sherbrooke Rangers	12	5	2	5	37	30	17
Darebin Legends	12	3	2	7	22	36	11
Ashburton	13	3	0	10	24	43	9
East Bentleigh	13	3	0	10	15	66	9
Mooroolbark	13	0	0	13	6	65	0

Boys South 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	12	9	1	2	32	14	28
Southern Stars	13	9	1	3	33	18	28
Brighton	12	9	0	3	37	15	27
Dandenong City	13	7	1	5	49	27	22
Mornington	11	5	1	5	25	23	16
Chelsea	13	5	0	8	27	39	15
Langwarrin	13	4	0	9	20	34	12
Berwick City	13	0	0	13	17	70	0

Boys South 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	10	9	1	0	63	13	28
Baxter	10	7	1	2	35	15	22
Langwarrin	9	6	0	3	27	21	18
Bentleigh Greens	9	3	1	5	20	23	10
Brighton	9	3	1	5	16	29	10
Casey Comets	10	2	0	8	17	39	6
Beaumaris	9	1	0	8	18	56	3

Boys South 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin	11	11	0	0	36	5	33
Chelsea	12	9	0	3	41	19	27
Doveton	12	7	2	3	27	13	23
Brighton	10	7	0	3	23	14	21
East Bentleigh	12	4	3	5	18	26	15
Berwick City	11	4	1	6	23	26	13
Beaumaris	11	3	2	6	20	20	11
Casey Comets	11	1	1	9	14	34	4
Springvale White Eagl	12	0	1	11	5	50	1

Boys South 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	12	10	0	2	41	14	30
Brighton	12	9	1	2	42	14	28
Peninsula Strikers JF	12	7	3	2	50	31	24
Langwarrin	12	6	1	5	29	22	19
Berwick City	12	3	3	6	17	19	12
Carrum Utd	13	2	3	8	16	40	9
Seaford Utd	12	2	0	10	14	61	6
Hampton Park Utd	7	1	1	5	17	25	4

Boys South 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Utd	11	10	1	0	36	8	31
Baxter 1	12	7	3	2	44	15	24
Beaumaris	12	5	3	4	19	19	18
Phillip Island	12	5	2	5	38	25	17
Sandringham City	12	4	2	6	12	33	14
Doveton	11	3	4	4	17	16	13
Baxter 2	11	4	1	6	18	21	13
East Bentleigh	11	3	2	6	10	25	11
Brighton	12	2	0	10	20	52	6

Boys South 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	13	12	1	0	70	5	37
Brighton	13	7	3	3	45	11	24
Hampton Park Utd	13	7	3	3	29	31	24
Bentleigh Greens	13	7	2	4	48	15	23
Harrisfield Hurricanes	13	7	2	4	30	23	23
Hampton	13	5	2	6	18	34	17
Chelsea	13	3	6	4	22	21	15
Beaumaris	13	2	2	9	14	47	8
Mornington	13	1	3	9	15	50	6
Keysborough	13	2	0	11	17	71	6

Boys South 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Utd	13	13	0	0	69	6	39
Sandringham City	13	10	2	1	23	7	32
Bentleigh Greens	13	10	0	3	47	17	30
Langwarrin	13	8	0	5	31	12	24
Chelsea	13	5	2	6	26	31	17
Berwick City	13	4	1	8	24	39	13
Mornington	13	3	1	9	9	22	10
Brighton	13	3	1	9	8	32	10
Hampton	13	3	0	10	14	44	9
Baxter	13	2	1	10	14	55	7

Boys South 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
East Bentleigh	12	12	0	0	61	14	36
Casey Comets	12	7	3	2	53	19	24
Rosebud	12	6	3	3	37	18	21
Langwarrin	12	6	1	5	24	21	19
Seaford Utd	12	5	3	4	29	23	18
Peninsula Strikers	11	4	2	5	17	27	14
Sandringham City	11	2	1	8	18	49	7
Hampton Park Utd	11	2	0	9	7	51	6
Brighton	11	1	1	9	15	39	4

Boys South 13 A

Results & Ladders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mornington	12	9	1	2	31	18	28
Dandenong Thunder	11	8	1	2	35	13	25
Berwick City	12	8	1	3	29	11	25
Endeavour Utd	11	6	1	4	20	15	19
Dandenong City	12	5	1	6	21	16	16
Hampton Park Utd	11	5	1	5	20	16	16
Keysborough	11	4	2	5	22	14	14
Langwarrin	11	1	0	10	10	43	3
Hampton	11	1	0	10	11	53	3

Boys South 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	12	10	0	2	52	15	30
East Bentleigh	13	9	1	3	36	11	28
Doveton	13	8	1	4	32	16	25
Beaumaris	13	7	1	5	27	24	22
Mornington	13	5	3	5	23	17	18
Brighton	12	5	2	5	18	21	17
Sandringham City	13	2	0	11	10	56	6
Baxter	13	1	0	12	9	47	3

Boys South 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	12	11	0	1	47	6	33
Springvale White Eag	13	9	1	3	41	24	28
Carrum Utd	13	8	0	5	30	28	24
Peninsula Strikers JF	13	7	1	5	30	13	22
Casey Comets	12	7	0	5	30	23	21
Rosebud	12	3	1	8	28	45	10
Beaumaris	12	3	0	9	16	36	9
Mornington	13	0	1	12	10	57	1

Boys South 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	13	11	0	2	44	15	33
Endeavour Utd	13	8	3	2	31	13	27
Langwarrin	13	7	5	1	27	11	26
Brighton	13	7	3	3	23	13	24
Lyndale Utd	13	5	4	4	38	31	19
Frankston Pines	13	2	1	10	13	35	7
Peninsula Strikers J	13	1	3	9	7	28	6
East Bentleigh	13	1	1	11	4	41	4

Boys South 12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Eastern Piran	13	13	0	0	73	6	39
Brighton	12	10	0	2	37	12	30
Sandringham City	13	9	2	2	40	13	29
Mornington	12	7	1	4	24	19	22
GSL	12	5	1	6	21	26	16
Berwick City	12	4	2	6	37	30	14
Hampton	13	3	3	7	12	36	12
Bentleigh Greens	13	1	5	7	11	40	8
Peninsula Strikers J	13	1	3	9	6	43	6
Langwarrin	13	0	3	10	8	44	3

Boys South 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix	13	11	1	1	61	6	34
Casey Comets	13	9	2	2	34	10	29
Berwick City	13	9	2	2	24	14	29
Beaumaris	13	9	0	4	37	10	27
Sandringham City	13	6	4	3	36	12	22
Southern Stars	13	7	1	5	27	23	22
Hampton Park Utd	13	5	0	8	27	29	15
Langwarrin	13	2	0	11	11	52	6
Bentleigh Greens	13	2	0	11	11	66	6
Seaford Utd	13	0	0	13	7	53	0

Boys South 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	11	11	0	0	92	2	33
Brighton	11	9	1	1	47	5	28
Hampton Park Utd	12	7	1	4	24	27	22
Beaumaris	11	6	1	4	41	20	19
Mornington	11	3	4	4	19	30	13
Hampton	11	3	2	6	13	32	11
East Bentleigh	12	2	2	8	14	41	8
Sandringham City	12	2	2	8	7	36	8
Langwarrin	11	0	3	8	4	68	3

Boys South 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder	13	13	0	0	91	5	39
Lyndale Utd	13	9	2	2	35	19	29
Doveton	13	8	2	3	31	15	26
East Bentleigh	13	5	4	4	22	24	19
Keysborough	13	5	3	5	28	32	18
Carrum Utd	13	4	5	4	15	21	17
Berwick City	13	4	3	6	19	36	15
Beaumaris	13	3	3	7	12	30	12
Brighton	13	1	4	8	14	38	7
Baxter	13	0	0	13	1	48	0

Boys South 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Casey Panthers	13	11	1	1	45	10	34
Harrisfield Hurricane	13	11	1	1	34	3	34
Baxter (Western Port	13	10	1	2	60	17	31
Beaumaris	13	7	1	5	40	21	22
Casey Comets	13	6	1	6	27	26	19
Sandringham City	12	4	2	6	17	20	14
Brighton	13	4	1	8	16	37	13
Rosebud	11	2	4	5	10	28	10
Seaford Utd	13	1	1	11	7	58	4
Peninsula Strikers J	12	0	1	11	8	44	1

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	12	10	1	1	59	7	31
Mornington	12	7	4	1	40	8	25
South Eastern Piran	11	7	2	2	45	11	23
Beaumaris	11	6	3	2	36	8	21
Dandenong City	12	6	1	5	28	25	19
Bentleigh Greens	12	5	3	4	27	14	18
Endeavour Utd	11	2	0	9	5	46	6
Peninsula Strikers J	11	1	0	10	7	57	3
Kingston City	10	0	0	10	1	72	0

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale White Ea	13	13	0	0	65	5	39
Berwick City	13	10	0	3	38	15	30
GSL	12	8	1	3	30	11	25
Langwarrin	12	7	0	5	28	21	21
Sandringham City	13	6	2	5	30	29	20
Southern Stars	13	5	2	6	12	12	17
Brandon Park	13	4	4	5	21	29	16
Hampton	13	3	2	8	12	29	11
Aspendale	13	1	1	11	11	44	4
Chelsea	13	1	0	12	5	57	3

Boys South 11 Kangaroos/Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mornington	13	12	1	0	54	4	37
Beaumaris	13	10	2	1	74	6	32
Brighton 1	13	9	1	3	47	7	28
Brighton 2	12	6	1	5	22	15	19
Hampton	13	3	2	8	8	39	11
Sandringham City	13	2	2	9	7	33	8
Aspendale	12	2	1	9	6	73	7
Keysborough	13	2	0	11	14	55	6

Boys South 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton Park Utd	13	12	0	1	47	5	36
Beaumaris	13	10	1	2	34	8	31
Brighton	13	6	4	3	18	19	22
Berwick City	13	7	1	5	17	23	22
Baxter	13	4	3	6	5	11	15
Peninsula Strikers J	13	3	1	9	7	21	10
Sandringham City	13	2	3	8	9	19	9
Carrum Utd	13	1	1	11	6	37	4

Boys South 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	13	12	0	1	48	5	36
Casey Comets	13	8	4	1	36	10	28
Berwick City	13	7	4	2	33	7	25
Mornington	13	5	5	3	19	12	20
Beaumaris	12	3	5	4	10	16	14
Seaford Utd	12	3	0	9	14	37	9
Bentleigh Greens	13	2	1	10	9	49	7
Brighton	13	0	3	10	4	37	3

Boys East 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nunawading City	12	9	1	2	26	15	28
Whitehorse	13	9	0	4	26	14	27
Manningham	13	8	1	4	27	17	25
FC Bulleen Lions	13	7	0	6	31	19	21
Doncaster Rovers	12	7	0	5	25	23	21
Sherbrooke Rangers	13	6	0	7	26	30	18
Riversdale	13	5	2	6	26	20	17
Richmond	13	4	0	9	27	42	12
Oakleigh	12	3	1	8	24	40	10
Clayton	12	2	1	9	13	31	7

Boys East 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Casey Comets	13	11	0	2	68	26	33
North Caulfield	11	10	0	1	54	15	30
Glen Waverley	13	9	1	3	37	31	28
Boronia	12	8	2	2	44	19	26
Caulfield Utd	12	6	0	6	57	34	18
Manningham	13	2	1	10	17	53	7
Hampton Park Utd	13	2	0	11	41	57	6
Knox City	13	0	0	13	12	95	0

Boys East 16 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions	13	12	0	1	62	14	36
Mooroolbark	13	10	1	2	38	13	31
Whitehorse	13	8	2	3	53	23	26
South Springvale	12	8	0	4	51	19	24
Ashburton	12	8	0	4	47	24	24
Hampton	13	6	1	6	48	24	19
Mooroolbark	13	3	3	7	20	49	12
Croydon City Arrow	13	1	3	9	19	56	6
Clayton	13	1	1	11	10	59	4
Glen Eira	13	1	1	11	13	80	4

Boys East 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boronia	13	10	2	1	44	8	32
South Melbourne	12	10	1	1	38	7	31
FC Bulleen Lions	13	7	4	2	28	9	25
Brandon Park	13	7	2	4	43	21	23
Richmond	13	7	1	5	29	14	22
Eastern Lions	12	4	3	5	34	20	15
Doncaster Rovers	13	3	5	5	30	38	14
Manningham	13	3	1	9	17	38	10
Glen Waverley	13	1	5	7	14	32	8
Clayton	13	0	0	13	1	91	0

Boys East 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh	12	10	2	0	37	8	32
FC Bulleen Lions	13	9	2	2	43	13	29
Richmond	13	8	1	4	39	22	25
Riversdale	12	6	3	3	34	16	21
Caulfield Utd	13	5	2	6	16	28	17
Doncaster Rovers	12	5	1	6	16	23	16
North Caulfield	11	3	3	5	22	25	12
Boronia	12	3	2	7	15	43	11
Sherbrooke Rangers	13	2	1	10	12	36	7
Manningham	13	1	3	9	13	33	6

Boys East 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse	11	10	0	1	41	4	30
Brandon Park	12	8	3	1	26	5	27
Ashburton 1	11	8	1	2	52	9	25
Ringwood City	10	8	0	2	24	14	24
Mooroolbark	11	5	1	5	18	20	16
Glen Waverley	11	2	2	7	14	30	8
North Caulfield	10	1	3	6	11	33	6
Ashburton 2	12	2	0	10	9	45	6
Boroondara Lions	12	0	2	10	8	43	2

Boys East 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	13	12	1	0	84	6	37
Whitehorse	13	9	2	2	44	7	29
Doncaster Rovers	12	8	3	1	34	9	27
FC Bulleen Lions	12	6	2	4	21	17	20
North Caulfield	11	6	1	4	24	33	19
Casey Comets	13	3	3	7	16	31	12
Brandon Park	13	3	1	9	11	35	10
Manningham	13	3	1	9	15	46	10
Glen Waverley	13	2	2	9	11	44	8
Waverley Wanderers	13	1	4	8	8	40	7

Boys East 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Stonnington City	13	12	1	0	43	4	37
Ringwood City	12	10	0	2	27	15	30
Riversdale	13	9	2	2	33	15	29
Eastern Lions	13	5	2	6	25	26	17
Noble Park	13	5	2	6	27	30	17
Knox City	12	4	4	4	25	21	16
Doncaster Rovers	12	4	2	6	19	15	14
Glen Waverley	13	2	3	8	15	29	9
North Caulfield	11	1	1	9	11	42	4
Croydon City Arrows	12	0	3	9	6	34	3

Boys East 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix	13	13	0	0	105	5	39
Whitehorse	13	10	1	2	72	11	31
Richmond	13	9	0	4	47	16	27
Boronia	13	7	1	5	38	28	22
Mooroolbark	12	5	0	7	29	44	15
Heidelberg Utd	12	4	0	8	15	60	12
Doncaster Rovers	13	1	1	11	9	64	4
Caulfield Utd	13	0	1	12	6	93	1

Boys East 14 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Glen Eira	12	9	2	1	41	18	29
Nunawading City	11	8	3	0	47	10	27
Richmond	12	8	1	3	55	13	25
Riversdale	12	6	1	5	37	21	19
Stonnington City	11	5	2	4	30	22	17
Boroondara Lions	11	3	3	5	30	24	12
Ringwood City	11	3	1	7	22	31	10
East Bentleigh	12	3	0	9	15	59	9
Croydon City Arrows	12	0	1	11	5	84	1

Boys East 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	13	12	1	0	52	5	37
Oakleigh	12	10	1	1	37	10	31
Glen Waverley	13	7	3	3	22	18	24
North Caulfield	11	5	3	3	20	15	18
Doncaster Rovers	13	5	1	7	22	25	16
South Melbourne	12	4	2	6	15	19	14
Riversdale	12	3	4	5	18	30	13
Boronia	13	3	1	9	15	34	10
Mooroolbark	13	2	2	9	15	26	8
Nunawading City	12	2	0	10	8	42	6

Boys East 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	12	8	2	2	27	7	26
FC Bulleen Lions	11	7	4	0	28	4	25
Knox City	12	8	0	4	25	9	24
Ashburton	12	6	1	5	21	18	19
Clayton	10	3	1	6	9	13	10
Avondale Heights	11	3	0	8	15	21	9
Glen Eira	10	0	0	10	4	57	0

Boys East 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Manningham	12	9	2	1	34	7	29
Boroondara Lions	13	9	2	2	35	12	29
Ringwood City	12	9	1	2	30	9	28
FC Bulleen Lions	12	6	1	5	27	14	19
Sherbrooke Rangers	13	6	0	7	24	23	18
North Caulfield	11	4	1	6	19	16	13
Caulfield Utd	13	4	1	8	21	27	13
Boronia	13	4	1	8	12	22	13
Brunswick City	12	3	3	6	21	31	12
Springvale City	13	2	0	11	13	75	6

Boys East 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox Utd	13	10	2	1	67	13	32
Brandon Park	13	10	1	2	40	5	31
Eastern Lions	13	9	2	2	31	6	29
Clifton Hill	13	9	1	3	32	16	28
Richmond	13	6	1	6	16	26	19
Glen Eira	13	5	2	6	21	16	17
Ashburton	13	4	0	9	15	46	12
Riversdale	13	3	2	8	10	31	11
Monash City	13	2	1	10	14	46	7
Glen Waverley	13	1	0	12	9	50	3

Boys East 13 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Waverley Wanderer	13	9	3	1	42	10	30
Croydon City Arrows	13	9	3	1	29	9	30
Chelsea	13	7	3	3	35	11	24
Oakleigh	12	5	2	5	24	21	17
Knox Utd	13	5	1	7	20	25	16
Ringwood City	12	4	4	4	13	18	16
Manningham	13	2	4	7	22	30	10
Mooroolbark	13	0	0	13	6	67	0

Boys East 13 F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse	12	12	0	0	63	6	36
Heidelberg Stars	13	11	0	2	61	5	33
Richmond	13	9	1	3	32	18	28
Rowville Eagles	13	4	3	6	20	35	15
South Springvale	13	4	1	8	17	40	13
Stonnington City	13	3	2	8	16	34	11
North Caulfield	12	2	3	7	11	30	9
Eastern Lions	13	0	2	11	6	58	2

Boys East 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	12	12	0	0	37	2	36
Box Hill Inter	13	10	0	3	35	7	30
Knox City	13	8	2	3	20	11	26
Richmond	13	7	2	4	46	19	23
FC Bulleen Lions	13	7	2	4	16	10	23
Monash City	12	5	0	7	17	22	15
North Caulfield	11	3	3	5	10	14	12
Riversdale	13	4	0	9	16	22	12
Ashburton	12	1	0	11	1	53	3
Oakleigh	12	0	1	11	4	42	1

Boys East 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	11	9	2	0	40	4	29
Box Hill Inter	12	9	2	1	37	10	29
Richmond	11	8	0	3	35	15	24
FC Bulleen Lions	10	7	0	3	25	12	21
Oakleigh	11	3	2	6	16	29	11
Clayton	12	3	2	7	10	27	11
Glen Waverley	11	3	0	8	9	24	9
Springvale City	10	2	0	8	11	30	6
Manningham	12	1	2	9	6	38	5

Boys East 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	12	10	2	0	46	5	32
South Springvale	13	8	4	1	39	11	28
Richmond	13	8	3	2	41	9	27
Sherbrooke Rangers	13	8	3	2	34	15	27
FC Bulleen Lions	13	5	3	5	28	23	18
North Caulfield	11	5	1	5	24	12	16
Lalor	13	3	3	7	26	35	12
Glen Eira	12	2	4	6	17	32	10
Glen Waverley	13	2	1	10	12	38	7
Mooroolbark	13	0	0	13	3	90	0

Boys East 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nunawading City	13	11	2	0	26	7	35
Avondale Heights	13	7	2	4	35	23	23
Boroondara Lions	13	6	4	3	19	18	22
Croydon City Arrows	13	6	2	5	27	24	20
Eastern Lions	13	5	3	5	25	26	18
Boronia	13	5	2	6	20	21	17
Riversdale	13	2	3	8	8	19	9
Ashburton	13	1	0	12	8	30	3

Boys East 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse	11	9	1	1	30	14	28
Boroondara Lions	10	8	0	2	57	11	24
Croydon City Arrows	11	5	5	1	21	11	20
Eastern Lions	12	5	5	2	15	11	20
Richmond	11	4	3	4	10	13	15
Doncaster Rovers	11	3	2	6	16	27	11
North Caulfield	10	3	1	6	13	17	10
Ashburton	12	2	2	8	4	40	8
Ringwood City	10	0	1	9	5	27	1

Boys East 12 F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Clifton Hill	12	12	0	0	81	0	36
Knox City	12	9	0	3	49	15	27
Glen Waverley	11	5	1	5	29	29	16
Doncaster Rovers	11	4	1	6	13	33	13
Ashburton	10	3	2	5	18	50	11
Croydon City Arrows	11	2	1	8	11	46	7
Boronia	11	0	3	8	8	36	3

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	12	9	3	0	33	8	30
Richmond	12	9	3	0	22	3	30
Oakleigh	12	7	3	2	26	13	24
Croydon City Arrows	13	8	0	5	22	17	24
Box Hill Inter	13	3	4	6	15	21	13
FC Bulleen Lions	13	3	2	8	10	21	11
Ashburton	13	1	2	10	6	23	5
Caulfield Utd	12	1	1	10	3	31	4

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	12	10	1	1	52	6	31
Hampton	12	10	1	1	40	3	31
Whitehorse	11	7	2	2	25	7	23
Oakleigh	11	5	2	4	22	15	17
Knox Utd	12	4	3	5	17	16	15
North Caulfield	10	4	1	5	11	19	13
Richmond	12	3	1	8	10	40	10
Riversdale	11	2	0	9	5	40	6
Mooroolbark	11	0	1	10	3	39	1

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash City	13	12	1	0	67	2	37
Box Hill Inter	13	11	1	1	53	5	34
FC Bulleen Lions	13	9	2	2	38	7	29
Eastern Lions	12	7	0	5	32	18	21
Ashburton	13	5	0	8	13	25	15
South Yarra	12	4	2	6	11	28	14
Manningham	13	3	3	7	15	29	12
Boroondara Lions	13	4	0	9	15	44	12
Doncaster Rovers	13	2	3	8	7	39	9
Stonnington City	13	0	2	11	1	55	2

Boys East 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
East Bentleigh	12	12	0	0	74	0	36
Richmond	13	12	0	1	41	3	36
Doncaster Rovers	13	11	0	2	30	10	33
Knox Utd	13	6	3	4	21	11	21
Whitehorse	13	3	5	5	17	23	14
FC Bulleen Lions	13	4	2	7	17	26	14
Sherbrooke Rangers	12	4	1	7	10	26	13
Croydon City Arrows	12	3	2	7	19	32	11
Glen Waverley	12	1	1	10	4	23	4
Boronia	13	0	0	13	1	80	0

Boys East 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sherbrooke Rangers	12	11	1	0	54	2	34
Ringwood City	10	9	1	0	54	7	28
Whitehorse	11	8	1	2	28	8	25
Waverley Wanderers	11	6	0	5	40	19	18
North Caulfield	11	5	1	5	16	13	16
Knox City	11	4	3	4	27	12	15
Riversdale	12	3	1	8	15	42	10
Richmond	12	1	0	11	10	65	3
Mooroolbark	12	0	0	12	2	78	0

Boys East 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	13	13	0	0	59	4	39
Whitehorse	13	7	4	2	18	10	25
Glen Waverley	13	7	3	3

Euro Summer Transfer Talk

It promised to be an exciting transfer season with big name players switching clubs for vast sums of cash. But this week things quietened down a bit.

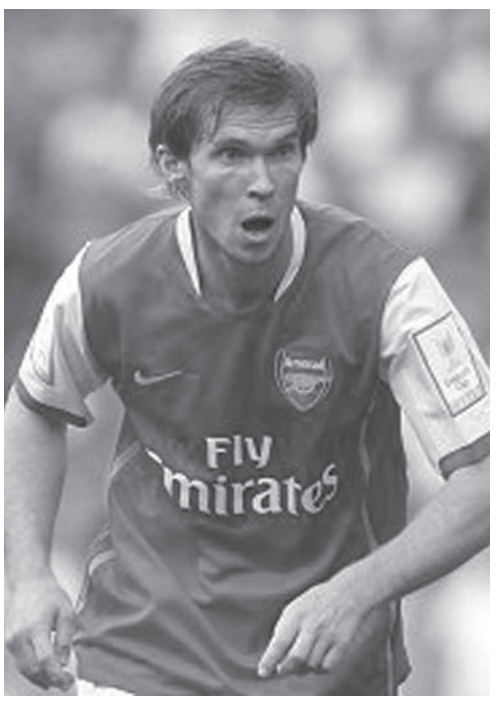
Clubs are holding their nerve and refusing to give any space, whether it is in offering more money or accepting less then what they were asking for. No one is compromising and a number of high profile deals look less likely to materialise.

Manchester United are refusing to blink in their confrontation over **Cristiano Ronaldo** and the decoded messages coming out are starting to suggest he'll be staying at Old Trafford next season. Sir Alex Ferguson is adamant he won't be going anywhere. Real Madrid maintain they will sign him but seem less confident and to date are yet to make a formal bid. Meanwhile Ronaldo and Ferguson had 'clear the air' talks this week suggesting the two have consigned themselves to the fact they'll have to continue working together.

Another pair to have 'clear the air' talks this week are Martin O'Neil and **Gareth Barry.** Liverpool seems to be losing interest as they refuse to meet Aston Villa's £18 million asking price. Part of the problem for the Reds is the need to sell some players to help finance their purchase. They managed to sell **Peter Crouch** to Portsmouth for £11 million but Juventus have lost interest in **Xavi Alonso**, whose sale was key to any purchase of Barry.

Liverpool have also struggled to offload the once highly valued **Scott Carson**. Villa were initially interested in making Carson's move permanent but baulked at Liverpool's £10 million asking price. This has since been lowered but not before Villa had already started looking else where for a new keeper. A deal to sell him to Stoke City for £3.5 million fell through and in the end Liverpool had to settle for £3.25 million from West Bromwich Albion.

Ronaldinho has officially swapped the stripes of Barcelona for AC Milan



Hleb has made the move from Emirates Stadium to the Nou Camp

Robbie Keane and his new wife, Claudine Palmer, could be on their way to Merseyside

Yet belt-tightening at Anfield hasn't stopped Liverpool from making preparing a bid of £20 million for Tottenham striker **Robbie Keane**.

Tottenham have spent heavily last summer and so far this summer have already bought **Luka Modric** for £16 million and hope to buy **David Bentley** for around £17 million. By their own admission they need to sell players to balance the books and Spurs manager Juande Ramos has admitted that it would be hard to turn down £20 million for Keane.

Less easy to part with will be **Dimitar Berbatov**. Manchester have already offered £22 million and confident of completing a deal soon, but Tottenham keep holding out for £30 million. Pressure to sell will no doubt ease with the sale of Keane while the need to hang onto their star striker will only increase.

Barcelona's £16 million sale of **Ronaldinho** to Milan will also have repercussions for the English market. £16 million might be a bargain compared to the £45 million Milan offered last summer but it has still left the Rossoneri short of cash. They've consequently lost interest in **Emmanuel Adebayor,** leaving Barcelona as the only potential suitor.

But having failed to maximise profits on Ronaldinho and having already spent £12 million on **Alexander Hleb**, it looks unlikely Barca will have a spare £25 million to splash on Adebayor either.

Arsenal's manager Arsene Wenger has signed seventeen year old **Francis Coquelin** from Laval in the French third division. Coquelin is no stranger to The Emirates Stadium as he was on trial with the Gunners last season. It is believed that there was no fee attached to the transfer.

Arsenal have already signed **Aaron Ramsey** from Cardiff City for £5 million and the French International from Olympique Marseilles **Samir Nasri** for approximately £11 million.

Tartan Talk

By Nic Townsend

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Kaka Set For Chelsea Move

AC Milan's Brazilian star Kaka is set to move to English Premier League side Chelsea on a world-record transfer of 80 million pounds (100m euros, 160m dollars), his advisor claimed on Saturday.

The Italian club signed the international team-mate of Ronaldinho Wednesday despite reported financial difficulties, and Kaka's personal assistant Diogo Kotscho claims all parties involved now want the deal to go through.

"Real Madrid offered 90 million euros last summer and Milan did not even think about the bid," Kotscho told The Guardian.

"This time is different. This is the first time we feel that a deal will definitely happen.

"Because of the situation Milan are in at the moment, the deal is good for all parties involved.

"The move would represent a significant increase in Kaka's salary, on top of the 10 percent transfer fee that goes straight to the player anyway - some 15 million euros.

Schweinsteiger To Stay

Bayern Munich's international midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger on Friday said he was determined to sign a new deal with the German first division champions.

The 23-year-old, who has been in negotiations with the club's management since the end of last season, was speaking as he returned for his first training session under new coach Jurgen Klinsmann.

"My first choice will be Bayern. Bayern is my home," said Schweinsteiger, who came through the club's youth ranks, and has scored 15 goals since making his first-team debut in 2002.

The player had a memorable Euro 2008, netting twice as Germany progressed to the final where they were beaten by Spain.

"I showed what I was capable of during Euro 2008," he said. "But I don't want to talk too much about this tournament."

Bayern won the league and cup double last season and are hoping to make a big impression in the Champions League, which they last won in 2001.

Iran Complain To FIFA

The Iranian Football Federation on Friday said that it will complain to football world governing body FIFA over Egypt's decision to cancel a friendly match because of a controversial film.

"If the game gets cancelled then we will lodge a complaint to FIFA," the head of Iran's Football Federation, Ali Kafashian was quoted as saying by the state run television news website.

"This is a political issue and we will mention to FIFA that the Egyptians are mixing political issues with sports."

The Egyptian Football Association said on Friday that the match, scheduled for August 20 in the United Arab Emirates, had been cancelled due to tensions over an Iranian film on the assassination of former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

The film, entitled "Assassination of a Pharaoh", says Sadat was killed for signing the 1978 Camp David Accords that led to a 1979 peace treaty with Israel, the first by an Arab country.

Evra Charged

Manchester United defender Patrice Evra and Chelsea groundsman Sam Bethell have been charged with improper conduct following a post-match brawl at Stamford Bridge last season.

Evra briefly traded blows with Bethell following Chelsea's 2-1 win over United on April 26 when members of the London club's groundstaff demanded that several United players, including the French defender, stop their warm-down on the pitch.

The United players refused to leave and an angry row broke out between the stars and Chelsea stewards and groundstaff.

Now Evra will have to answer the FA charge, while Bethell has also been charged with using abusive language aggravated by reference to nationality/race.

The FA, who took witness statements during their investigation, could hit Evra with a range of punishments including a fine or ban.

No date for the hearing has been set and with both clubs on pre-season trips, it may be a while before it is arranged.

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